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U.S.-Arab plane deal brings gloom to Israel

By DAVID LANDAU and YITZHAK SHARGIL

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

A gloomy Israel began to assess the damage — military and political — done by the 54-44 Senate vote that opened the way for the supply of advanced U.S. warplanes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt as well as to Israel. Premier Menachem Begin termed it "definitely a negative turning point from the standpoint of Israel's defense."

Defence circles said the American decision will have adverse effects on Israel which would now be compelled to devote special attention to a possible aerial threat from Saudi Arabia where no such threat existed before. Defence Minister Ezer Weizman was quoted in Maariv as saying that Israel fought against the planes deal and "I hope we shall not have to fight against the planes."

Shimon Peres, leader of the opposition Labor Alignment, said: "It's a sad day in Israel-U.S. relations." He noted that "It was the Senate, not the administration that voted against us," implying that Israel's traditional strong support in that body was seriously eroded.

"The Senate voted on a security issue that will have serious implications for the balance of power in the Middle East," he said. "The American weaponry changes the whole situation."

Begin expressed "deep regret" over the Senate vote and charged the U.S. with reneging on its "undertaking" to Israel in September, 1975 to supply it with F-16 warplanes on an "entirely unconditional" basis. The undertaking was made in return for Israel to make further withdrawals in Sinai under its second interim agreement with Egypt.

There was "certainly no justification" for the administration to tie the present aircraft sales to Israel to sales to two Arab countries that are still in a state of war with Israel, Begin claimed.

Informed sources here said that an additional U.S. undertaking to supply Israel with F-15 warplanes was made in 1974 in an unpublished part of the disengagement agreement with Syria. No conditions or linkages were attached to that undertaking, the sources said.

While Israelis of all parties were dismayed by the American decision, angry political recriminations were developing here with unpredictable repercussions for the Begin government. Even before the outcome of the Senate vote was known, knives were being sharpened for the inevitably bloody postmortem.

Most informed observers were by then resigned to the planes package deal going through and the various government ministries and departments were searching for shoulders other than their own on which to lay the blame for Israel's political fiasco.

The Labor daily Davar reported that feeling exists in some government quarters that Israel's embassy in Washington failed to function efficiently during the long propaganda battle that preceded the Senate foreign relations committee hearings.

A writer in Ha'aretz faulted Begin, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Defence Minister Ezer Weizman — especially the last named — for not speaking out more forcefully and at an earlier stage against the linkage of sales to Israel with those to Arab states.

The battle was joined in the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee where Peres bitterly criticized the government for failing to present Israel's case properly to the Senate and American public opinion. He said former Labor governments had been much more effective in doing so.

Committee chairman Moshe Arens of Likud accused the former Labor-led governments of having delayed the development of Israel's own advanced jet combat plane, the Kfir, which would have made Israel less dependent on American equipment.

Arens, a professor of aeronautics and a former top official of Israel Aircraft Industries which produces the Kfir, urged the government to commit greater resources to develop new warplanes for the eighties.

The reaction of the Israelis in general was that oil has once again triumphed over logic, friendship and ideology.

(David Groskind photo)

United Synagogue Day School students rehearse a cantata they'll present on Israel Day at Ontario Place Sunday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m. Four other Toronto Jewish schools will participate in "children's program" — Associated, Beth Tikvah, Bialik and Shaar Shalom. Co-ordinator of the event is Penny Bowman. Guest artist will be Phyllis Panet. Israel Day is sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation in co-operation with Canadian Jewish Congress.

Churches denounce Nazis

MINNEAPOLIS [JTA] —

A resolution denouncing Nazi activities in the United States was approved without dissent by the governing board of the National Council of Churches (NCC) meeting here. The action followed prolonged debate about whether to broaden the resolution so that it would condemn all forms of racism. The initiative to broaden the resolution came from Black and Orthodox delegates.

The governing board also adopted a resolution sharply critical of Israel's "illegal use" of American-made cluster bombs during its invasion of south Lebanon last March. The resolution asserted that the U.S. "shares in the moral responsibility" for the "illegal" use of such weapons. It asked Israel to adhere to the provisions of the U.S.-Israel arms agreement "which specifies" that the cluster bomb must not be used "except in the event of full-scale war against well entrenched emplacements."

The resolution dealing with Nazi activities expressed "concern about the recurring signs of Nazism evidenced in the recent demonstrations by the National Socialist White People's Party in St. Louis and the Nazi planned march in Skokie."

It added that "we repudiate and oppose any anti-Semitic teaching or action and, in particular, those Nazi activities in the U.S.A. which give support to prejudice, contempt or hatred directed against the Jews and which have their precedent in the tragic event of the Holocaust." Churches were asked to "be alert to the implicit and explicit advocacy of Nazi ideology by various groups and persons in the U.S.A. and to resist that advocacy . . . ."

Regarding the resolution criticizing Israel, Rabbi A. James Rudin, the assistant national director of the interreligious affairs department of the American Jewish Committee, who was an official observer at the board meeting, issued a statement terming the resolution unfair, imbalanced and anti-Israel.

Rudin said that by singling out Israel alone for condemnation, the governing board has engaged in an unconscionable act of selective moral outrage. He said the resolution totally omitted any reference to the March 11 Palestine Liberation Organization massacre of 35 civilians in Israel.

Meanwhile, the State Department confirmed that Israel has signed a secret agreement with the U.S. renewing a pledge that Israel will not use cluster bombs except under special wartime conditions. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said last April that Israel "may have" violated a 1976 arms pact with the U.S. when it used the cluster bombs.

Claims are topic of talks

MONTREAL [Staff] —

Jewish claims against the German Democratic Republic will be a topic of discussion when a Canadian delegation appointed by the External Affairs Department visits that country in the next couple of weeks, the Canadian Jewish Congress has been told.

The delegation, led by M. Copithorne, director of the claims division, will go to East Berlin to settle outstanding claims between Canada and East Germany. For the first time the department has promised to bring up the moral and legal aspects of Jewish claims, said Alan Rose, executive vice-president of CJC.

CJC has been making representations on the matter of Jewish claims to the secretary of state for external affairs as far back as two years ago.

There exists no indemnification legislation in East Germany in any way comparable to the West German legislation, and East Germany has at no time showed any readiness to compensate Jews or other victims of Nazism, except those who returned to that country.

It has taken the view that it had no obligation to pay compensation since, unlike West Germany, it claimed it had eradicated Nazism so that former victims could live without fear.

World Jewish Congress has maintained, said Rose, that it is "a matter of simple justice that East Germany should bear its proportion of Germany's total liability for the material losses sustained by individual Jewish victims of Nazi persecution."

Rhonda Levin

Ziv Gamliel

Bialik students are prominent in Bible contest

TORONTO —

A Canadian team of two students from Bialik Hebrew Day School here topped the Diaspora communities at the International Bible Contest in Jerusalem. The Torontonians — Rhonda Levin, 15, and Ziv Gamliel, 12, placed second overall behind the Israeli contingent.

Rhonda, a graduate of Bialik now attending Grade 10 at Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, placed fifth behind four older Israeli high school students. She is the daughter of Dov and Lorraine Levin. Ziv, son of Bialik principal and team coach David Gamliel and Rivka, placed eighth, the youngest participant in the history of the contest.

Both students represented Canada after winning the national title for Bialik last May. The international contest, which includes several oral and written stages, culminated in the finals at the Jerusalem Theatre on Yom Ha'atzmaut, in the presence of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, President Ephraim Katzir, and a number of cabinet ministers.

The international contest drew 31 finalists from a host of European, South and Central American countries, as well as Australia and the U.S. The Canadians' trip was sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Board of Jewish Education.

"The whole setting was unbelievable," said coach Gamliel of the final competition, broadcast over Israeli television and radio. "And to do it for the Bible, not for sports, is especially Jewish and should be recognized."

Ziv passed another milestone last week. He celebrated his Bar Mitzva.

Divisions in community surface over school integration plan

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO —

As the North York Board of Education prepares to appeal a Supreme Court decision quashing its integration of a Hebrew day school, divisions in the Jewish community over the proposal are beginning to surface publicly.

The philosophical differences are not new, revolving around the question of religious education and the public school system. But the abstract problem now has a pragmatic complexion: how to fund Jewish day schools, often with massive deficits, without government assistance. And a further dilemma: can private Hebrew schools maintain their identity if religious courses are optional?

Surprisingly enough, neither the Toronto Jewish Congress nor the Toronto Board of Jewish Education has publicly supported Associated Hebrew Day Schools and the North York board in their integration campaign, although both have given tacit approval. Part of the reluctance, several spokesmen implied, is a philosophical tug-of-war over the element of compulsory religious classes in the scheme.

"I understand (the day schools) need additional funding," says Sam Filer, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region. "I would like to see help given. But it's a question of whether the price is too high."

Noting that the Congress executive had not discussed the integration plan, he says its proposal for compulsory religious classes would backfire in the faces of Jewish children outside North York who would then be forced into mandatory Protestant programs.

Irwin Gold, executive director of Toronto Jewish Congress, says the North York case "has not become a burning issue" and the Jewish public has not requested that it be considered on the TJC agenda.

Pointing out that Congress has lent "de facto support" to the scheme, he says there has been an evolution in thinking in North American Jewish communities over the separation of church and state: from one of opposition to a form of support, because of financial strains.

"I think Congress would — if put to the test," he says, "change its position, too. In the abstract, it's easy to talk about the separation of church and state, but when it's a question of the survival of a people, then practicality dictates support for private schools."

When the Associated pilot project came under fire last year, the Toronto Jewish Congress — in a sharp reversal of past tradition — passed a resolution calling for government funding "because of the rising costs and growing deficits in our Jewish day schools and the growth of enrolment in them."

The Supreme Court rejected the integration scheme last month, charging that the school board had no jurisdiction over religious education and the courses would have to remain optional within each school.

Now, the Joint Community Relations Committee, Central Region, is expressing doubts about the whole idea. JCRC officials are scheduled to meet with Jewish educators in mid-June. Its legal committee has already examined the Supreme Court judgment.

Although Ben Kayfetz, executive director of the JCRC, says it's premature to discuss its conclusions, he commented: "It means what we thought it means" — namely, that religious courses would be compulsory, an anathema to a Jewish community which has fought to abolish religious instruction in public schools for the past 120 years.

Kayfetz draws attention to the fact there have always been divisions on the issue of subsidy to private schools. "Inflation has made a major difference" in the debate, he says.

Board of Jewish Education Chairman Mel Finkelstein, when asked of his impression of the case, replies: "I can't inject my personal position. It will be construed as the authoritative position of the board." Asked why his board has not publicly aligned itself behind Associated, he says, "it was the school's negotiation with North York. It was doing it as an autonomous body."

Associated's administrator, Arthur Tannenbaum, points out that "there is such divisiveness that there hasn't been any one group which has come out to support us. They've decided not to do anything."

Also acknowledging a split in the community on the issue of religion and the public schools is BJE [illegible] Rabbi Irwin Witty. At no time, he says, has the BJE been involved in the North York negotiations since the controversy over optionality of religious classes arose, nor has it assumed a public posture.

Witty claims the crux of the issue is not compulsory religious indoctrination, but the legal jurisdiction of a school board. "North York feels it is protecting the rights of parents by having alternatives," Witty adds, in a personal commentary. "I don't know if we have to deal with the hypothetical of Sault Ste. Marie."

An arch opponent of the North York plan, J. Sydney Midanik, honorary counsel of the TJC, argues that issue is a matter "of basic and vital concern", well within Congress' mandate and that it should strike a position.

Israel's population reaches 3,676,000

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Israel's population on her 30th anniversary was 3,676,000 people, 3,095,000 of them Jews. When the state was founded May 14, 1948 the number of Jews in Israel was 650,000 compared to 150,000 non-Jews.

Of the 2,445,000 Jews that were added to the population since 1948, some 1.3 million came on aliya, and the rest are Sabras. Close to 500,000 have emigrated from Israel, the majority of them to the U.S., where it is believed there are now some 400,000 Israelis.

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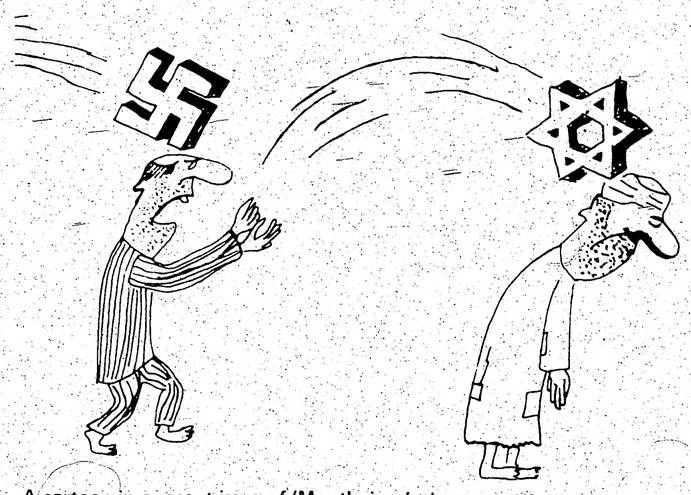
Canadian Chief Justice Bora Laskin accepts Beth Sholom's 28th Annual Humanitarian Award from Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry. Latter was the 1977 winner. [See story page 3.]

ANTI-ZIONISM GAINS IN U.S., ABROAD



A cartoon in a recent issue of 'Mouthpiece', the organ of the Middlesex Polytechnic Student's Union

By TOBA KORENBLUM
[Last of three parts]

"There is a new sort of Jewish student in universities today," says British Jewish student leader David Cesarani. "Just as our parents were forced by the Nazis to define their 'Jewishness', so the anti-Zionist campaign has forced Jewish students into a process of self-determination. Our religion, our right to nationhood and our aspirations have all been challenged. It has become almost impossible to be a Jew and keep a low profile on campus; now to be a Jew is to be the focus of debate in the national press as well as in countless union meetings."

The anti-Israel campaign in Canadian universities pales in significance when compared to the hostile climate on British campuses this year. As Cesarani explains, many Jewish student unions were banned in the past year in several universities and polytechnical schools where they were denied public platforms and facilities on the grounds that their pro-Zionist stance was tantamount to racism. Ironically, Communist and socialist groups joined the right-wing National Front in condemning Israel while they peddled what some considered to be anti-Semitic literature.

Meanwhile, a far more sophisticated and less vulgar propaganda crusade was being instituted on American campuses through an impressive network of oil lobbyists, student groups and Arab League information centres. In 1977, as many as 300 university presidents in the U.S. travelled to Arab countries to seek linkage programs with institutions there. According to the State Department, such programs have increased ten-fold since the 1973 Arab oil embargo, with grants from Arab countries financing hard-pressed U.S. universities.

In the case of these two English-speaking countries, Arab influence on campus is but one plank in a campaign to reach academic, business and government opinion-makers in nations where Arab investment is high. In Britain, the organized anti-Israel movements range from the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding to the more strident British Anti-Zionist Organization, which claimed responsibility for the campus attacks against Jewish student unions. BAZO says it is trying to appeal especially to anti-Zionist Jews. In the U.S., Arab student organizations, Arab Information Centres in five leading cities, and a host of non-Arab leftist groups are plying their trade alongside Jewish and Zionist lobbies.

According to one veteran observer of the American campus situation, as far back as 25 years ago there was a substantial Arab presence in U.S. colleges and universities. In the 1950s, students formed the Organization of Arab Students which in later years, ideologically aligned itself with the more radical Rejection Front of the PLO. The Anti-Defamation League study, "Target: USA; the Arab Propaganda Offensive," says another pro-PLO grouping, The Association of Arab American University Graduates, is the counterpart of two "think tanks" in Beirut. The AAAUG directs much of its information to universities as well as secondary schools.

The ADL views as especially effective the Americans for Middle East Understanding, a pro-Arab group which directs much of its energy to business and government circles. American oil and oil-related companies — including Exxon, Mobil, Standard Oil and Aramco — contributed some 66% of the organization's budget in the mid '70s.

The influence of oil-rich nations on American universities so concerned one Middle East expert that he issued a warning about linkage programs. "Linkage is a troubled process," says Marvin Zonis, director of the University of Chicago Center for Middle Eastern Studies. The Western and Middle Eastern concepts of education and financing are radically different, he points out. "Mideast universities are overwhelmingly government-financed. Their campuses are beset by internal tensions, primarily political." The State Department says the linkage programs are in the nation's interest since they help forge American ties with oil-producing countries.

It is estimated that over 20,000 Arab students are enrolled in American universities, particularly in the southwest. One Canadian academic familiar with the situation says Arab states subsidize a large number of the students to study in American universities with the understanding that they will "be useful" in propagating the Arab cause. They prove to be far more knowledgeable than their Jewish counterparts, he points out.

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World News

History is made in Jewish state as MK performs civil marriage

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

What may have been the first civil marriage in Israel of a couple who would have qualified for a religious marriage if they so wished has been performed by Knesset-member Shulamit Aloni of the Civil Rights Party.

An attorney, she told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the marriage agreement was signed by the bride and groom, both Sabras, and countersigned by two witnesses, a man and a woman, at her office on Independence Day eve.

Shulamit Aloni

The event was made public only last week. The names of the newlyweds were not disclosed to avoid possible harassment. Civil marriage is not recognized in Israel where the Orthodox rabbinate has exclusive control of such family matters. But the status of the couple is nevertheless legal under a regulation that recognizes common law marriage.

The marriage agreement covers all material aspects of the marital state, including the rights of children and stipulates that the couple can separate only if both parties agree.

Ms. Aloni told the JTA that in the past she has performed marriages for couples denied wedding rites by the religious establishment for halachic reasons. This couple, however, were both born of Jewish parents and did not fall into any of the categories where marriage is forbidden under religious law.

Both believe in freedom of conscience, religious freedom and equality of the sexes, Ms. Aloni said. Both are graduates of the youth movement, work on the land and served in the army.

She said she had a man and a woman serve as witnesses in order to avoid complications with the religious authorities should the couple ever decide to separate and re-wed according to Halacha.

She said that in such cases, the Israeli rabbinate would demand a formal — meaning religious — divorce even though it does not recognize the civil marriage. It does so to avoid any doubt as to the marital status of the couple, Ms. Aloni said.

If two men served as witnesses, doubt would exist on the part of the rabbinate, but since one of the witnesses was a woman, there would be no doubt because religious law does not permit a woman to testify in such cases, she explained.

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As part of Israel's 30th anniversary festivities, this blimp flew over a good part of Israel, reminding everyone that this was a special day for the nation.

Israel's anniversary marked by Brazilians

RIO DE JANEIRO [JTA]

Israel's 30th anniversary was celebrated here and in other Brazilian cities. More than 10,000 people gathered at Rio's Maracanazinho sports stadium where famous Jewish and non-Jewish stars of stage, television and motion pictures participated in a gala salute to Israel program.

In Sao Paulo, more than 5,000 people participated in an anniversary celebration at the Hebraica Club. One of the attractions was the Israeli singing ensemble Izavta Israel. The Sao Paulo post office postmarked all letters with a special stamp commemorating Israel's 30th anniversary.

In Brasilia, the capital of Brazil, the anniversary celebration was officially launched with a ceremony opening the new Israeli embassy building. Officiating at the ceremony were Foreign Minister Azeredo da Silveira and Osvaldo Aranha, the son of the late Osvaldo Aranha, who presided at the historical United Nations session on Nov. 29, 1947 which voted for the Palestinian partition plan.

Voice opinions'

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

The East Jerusalem newspaper, El Kuds, has called on West Bank and Gaza Strip residents to take an active part in deciding the future of those territories.

Observers noted that this was the first time an Arab newspaper published in Israel has questioned the exclusive right of the PLO to settle the fate of Arabs residing in the occupied territories.

The paper, in its Sunday edition, urged the residents of the territories to voice their opinions concerning their own future.

Begin has created good impression among Orthodox

LONDON [JTA] —

Warm appreciation of Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's attitude towards traditional Judaism and support for his political efforts were voiced here by Sir Israel Brodie, the chief rabbi emeritus of Britain and the Commonwealth.

Sir Israel, in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said that Begin, "who does not hesitate to invoke divine help — (ezrat hashem) — in his speeches," has created a "very favorable impression" among Orthodox Jews.

Begin was "more positive" towards religion than his Labor Party predecessors who often had to be "pushed," he said. For decades, Orthodox Jews had been unhappy at the way in which Labor Zionists had emphasized the secular demands of Israel.

However, by his more positive attitude towards traditional Judaism, Begin had helped to bring together divergent sections of the Jewish world, he claimed.

Sir Israel, who was 83 last week, also reviewed the changes which Israel had made over the past 30 years. Until the establishment of Israel, there had been a lot of animosity to Zionism. But once Israel was established there was an immediate change, and many of those who had opposed Zionism in theory, supported the Jewish state in practice, he observed.

A life-long Zionist, Sir Israel was appointed British chief rabbi in 1948 and remained in office until 1965, on reaching the statutory retirement age of 70.

He had previously been senior Jewish chaplain to the British armed forces.

Yaacov Riftin

Mapam veteran

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

Funeral services were held at Kibbutz Ein Shemer for Yaacov Rifkin, one of its founders and a veteran leader of Mapam, Kibbutz Artzi and the Histadrut who died at recently at the age of 71.

Riftin, who was born in Poland, settled in Palestine in 1929 and soon rose to prominence in the Labor Zionist and kibbutz movements which he represented on various public bodies during the Mandate period.

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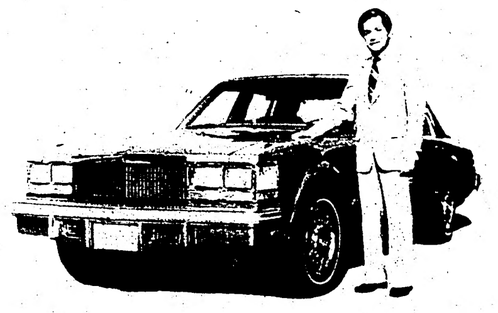

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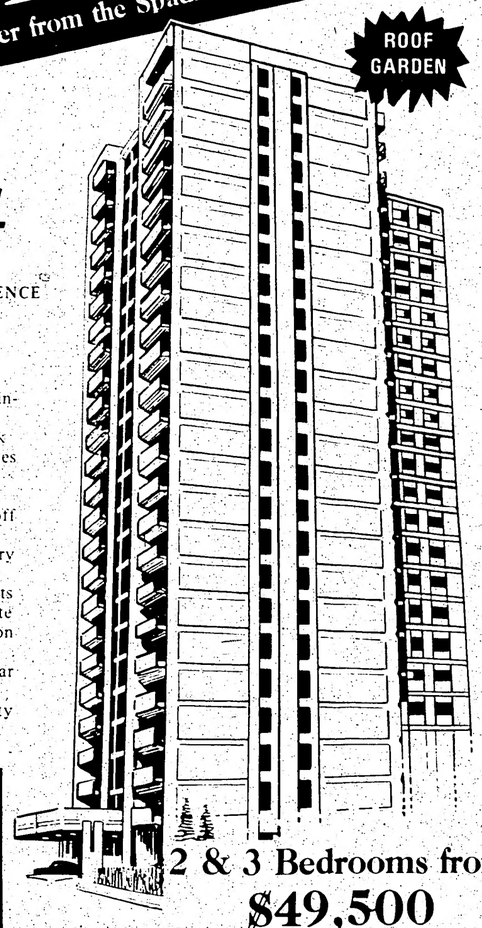

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Arabs call boycott self-defence measure

TORONTO —
The Arab boycott in Canada is an Arab self-defence measure designed to get Israel "to respect the national and human rights of the Palestinians, and to change its illegal policies of territorial expansion," says a booklet published in Ottawa by the Arab League Information Centre.

Author Sami Hadawi justifies use of boycotts by asserting they have been employed by other nations in the past. "Sovereign nations have always felt that they have the right to use their economic resources...in defence of their vital interests," he writes.

He argues that trade boycotts are considered by some to be legitimate instruments of national policy, since trade itself is not regarded as an obligatory function of a state.

Hadawi states that the Arabs "have officially and repeatedly affirmed that they will never discriminate against Jewish individuals or firms which respect the Arab boycott against Israel."

He observed that the Arabs regard every Zionist — of whatever nationality — to be a potential enemy, and "his entry is considered to be a threat to the safety and security of their countries."

Referring to the Commission on Economic Coercion and Discrimination of January, 1977, which disclosed widespread instances of Canadian compliance with the boycott, Hadawi notes:

"The membership includes persons whose neutrality and objectivity are open to question." The commission was headed by Prof. Irwin Cotler of McGill and among the members he names are MP Herb Gray, former NDP leader David Lewis and onetime federal cabinet minister Judy LaMarsh.

Hadawi says there are few independent Canadian firms presently engaged in trading with the Arab world. Concluding, he remarks: "If any Canadian company is affected by the Arab boycott of Israel, it is only because it is a subsidiary of United States firms."

Cheque for $260,000 is presented to Mt. Sinai Hospital by auxiliary

By JEFF BIEN

TORONTO —
The Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary transferred a cheque for $260,000 to Mount Sinai Hospital at their 24th annual meeting held at the Toronto Harbour Castle Hilton Convention Centre. The proceeds will go towards medical research, bursaries, grants and endowments.

The money was collected through various fundraising activities held throughout the year and represents a $30,000 improvement over last year's figure.

Founder President Rose Torno awarded a $2,000 bursary, established in her honor, to Alan Bell, a chemical engineering graduate, who is now in his second year at the medical school of the University of Toronto. He will be working with Dr. Sandy Logan on the development of a computer-based outpatient medical record system, unique to Canada, for the hospital's hypertension clinic.

An education bursary of $5,000, for continuing education in new techniques for hospital staff, was presented by Harriett Bonza, president of the auxiliary, to Gerald Turner, executive director of Mount Sinai.

Valerie Fine, immediate past president, and Eleanor Rose, co-chairman of treasury gifts, presented scrolls of honor to those organizations which have contributed to Mount Sinai during the past year.

Renee Fleishman, professional director of volunteer services, announced the recipients of special jewelled pin awards presented to outstanding volunteers who had given 500 hours of service to Mount Sinai during the past few years.

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Roberts on Palestinians

TORONTO —
Secretary of State John Roberts, outlining Canada's Middle East policy in an address here recently, said that the Palestinians "have a right to participate in the determination of their future."

Speaking at the annual conference of the Canadian Professors for Peace In The Middle East, Roberts explained that a final Arab-Israeli settlement "should provide a territorial foundation for the Palestinians' political self-expression."

He did not spell out details, saying that "the precise form of this concept" was not for Canada to decide.

Referring to the PLO, Roberts noted: "Canada has never accepted the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinians in the Middle East peace talks or elsewhere. Indeed, as long as the PLO refuses to accept Resolution 242, it is hard to see how it could play a constructive role."

Roberts, who represents the Toronto riding of St. Pauls as a Liberal, said that Canada has never hesitated to inform Israel and the Arabs about its views.

Distinguished audience greets Laskin at brotherhood dinner

TORONTO (Staff) —
Representatives from all levels of the Ontario judiciary, high-ranking clergymen, a former governor-general, and a retinue of politicians were on hand as Bora Laskin, chief justice of Canada, received Beth Sholom Synagogue's annual humanitarian award.

The synagogue brotherhood's 28th dinner attracted 650 people including: former governor-general Roland Michener, a recipient of the award in 1974; Chief Justice of the Ontario Supreme Court W.G.C. Howland; his counterpart in the high court, Gregory Evans; Toronto Anglican Bishop Louis Garnsworthy and Ontario Ombudsman Arthur Maloney.

Laskin, the first Jewish chief justice, is the third member of Canada's Supreme Court to receive the award for "splendid achievement in the field of humanitarian service."

In a 20-minute address, Laskin paid tribute to his wife, Peggy, his judicial colleagues and mentors, and expressed his "understandable emotion" on the "moving occasion."

In a light, and somewhat self-mocking tone, he deliberately side-stepped a long list of national socio-legal topics — such as constitutional questions, national unity, criminal law reform, capital punishment and environmental issues — in an effort, he said, to maintain his judicial neutrality.

"It is plain, brutal, sad — and for all you, very fortunate — that the fact is a judge is subject to ever increasing limitations on freedom of speech as more and more matters of public interest become like subjects of litigation."

Chief justice since December, 1973, the Fort Williams, Ont., native said he preferred to "adjudicate than pontificate," after teasing Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry, who faced Laskin in the Supreme Court two years ago.

Joining McMurtry, the 1977 recipient of the award, on the dias, was the 1957 honoree, Rev. Richard D. Jones, former director of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. Chairman of the event was Frank Cadesky, and brotherhood president Harry Goldstein.

Anti-Zionism growing

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Many Near Eastern studies programs, he says, are heavily influenced by faculty members who were sons of missionaries or diplomats stationed in Arab countries, and affected by that acculturation. Students in these departments "develop an educational bias which prepares them for a functional 'bias'" in government agencies and departments, where, he says, Arabists predominate. Library holdings at American universities financed by Arabs reflect a similar viewpoint, which spills over into university press publications on the Mideast. "It's all a vicious cycle," says the Canadian professor, who preferred to remain anonymous.

Jonathan C. Levine, writing in an American Jewish weekly, says the pro-Arab pressure groups may not yet have made inroads into popular support for Israel, although "a small shift in the public's sympathies can influence American foreign policy." Assessing the pro-Zionist counter-propaganda on the campuses, he says it "is rendered ineffective by its reactive and defensive nature. An examination of the pro-Zionist materials available quickly reveals a recurring theme — a defence of Israel's relations with South Africa, a defence of Israel's occupation of Judea and Samaria, a defence of Israel's policies toward its Arab citizens."

The tactics of several British pro-Arab organizations are much more emotional and have anti-Semitic overtones. The right-wing National Front joined forces last fall with a group known as the Arab Rights Movement. The NF's publication, Spearhead, draws no distinction between Jews and Zionism. The usual line runs something like this: "Everything Churchill did was in the interests of the Zionist bolshevik international finance capital conspiracy." Jews are alleged to lead "an intelligence, propaganda and subversion network."

A $2,500 advertisement placed in the Guardian by the Union of Arab Students in the United Kingdom, urged Jewish youth to join "the common struggle against Zionist oppression and discrimination. We call on you to join us for the realization of a secular, democratic state in all the land of Palestine." The paper eventually apologized for the ad. The Socialist Workers Party have claimed responsibility for campaigns against Jewish student groups. The National Union of Students in Britain partly defused the tensions on campuses by deploring the denial of rights to Jewish unions.

The Institute for Jewish Affairs in London puts the number of Arab students on British campuses at 15,000, and the number of Jews at approximately 10,500. While most Arabs are members of an Arab student society, says an institute report, only about 3,000 of the Jews belong to the Union of Jewish Students. The ratio of organized Arab and Jewish students is said to stand at 15 to 3, and considerably higher at vocational training schools where the Mideast debate is concentrated.

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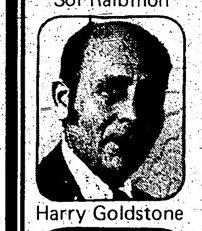
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Yuri Orlov sentenced

Justice, Soviet style

A lofty constitution was drafted. A signature was affixed to a shallow document in Belgrade. And now, three years after the overblown oratory in support of human rights at the Helsinki conference, the Soviets are getting down to the business of the day: dissident crushing. Round one in an expected series of three circus matches took place last week when Yuri Orlov co-founder with Alexander Ginzburg and Anatoly Scharansky of Moscow's Helsinki monitoring committee, was sentenced to 12 years of hard labor and exile.

It was a classic illustration of the Soviet judiciary: a state-appointed and controlled defence lawyer, a pre-selected public group of hostile spectators, the absence of journalists and, most tragically, a predetermined verdict. The crime: "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda," known in the West as freedom of speech.

An appeal probably will not overturn the sentence of seven years' labor and five years' "internal exile" for the 53-year-old physicist. And the Soviet judicial system will similarly bulldoze its way through the life of Ginzburg and Scharansky, both held incommunicado for more than a year. The intent is clear — no organized public criticism of the government. The suppression tactics are far from subtle. Disturbingly, all three of the leading activists are Jews.

Despite the ominous tone set by the kangaroo court, Soviet Jews are still leaving the country at a pace of some 500 a week, higher than the past several years. Concerned about acquiring Western technology, the Soviet Union is unlikely to jeopardize its already shaky relationship with the U.S. by curtailing emigration. Nevertheless, the dissident trial is a brutal slap in the face for Western democracies who drafted the Helsinki accord's human rights provisions and stood idly by, watching those safeguards flow down the drain, in the name of a higher "ideal" called detente.

Cultural renaissance

For many years Canada has been a cultural backwater as far as serious Jewish learning is concerned. Our small Jewish population spread across this vast land has not helped in promoting a creative Jewish spirit.

We have always had a tradition of sending our budding rabbis and teachers to seminaries and yeshivot in the United States and Israel. While there is nothing wrong with this in principle, the exodus of so many gifted people over the years has drained Canadian Jewry of some of its best potential leaders.

There are now signs on the horizon that this situation may be rectified in the years to come. Although there is still no major rabbinical seminary in Canada several small yeshivot have been founded within the last decade which show promise of helping to develop cadres of young Jews who are knowledgeable about Judaism on the highest level.

Particularly meritorious in the latter category is Toronto's Or Chaim Yeshiva and its distaff counterpart, the Ulpana. A unique educational institution, this school blends the traditional curriculum of the yeshiva with emphasis on the centrality of Israel for the Jewish people. The dynamism of the Or Chaim program has attracted acclaim from Jewish educators across North America.

Another manifestation of the quickening of Canada's Jewish cultural and religious renaissance is the recent publication of new journals devoted to the study of Judaism. The Canadian Jewish Historical Society has already issued two interesting volumes of essays on various aspects of the Jewish experience in this land.

In this regard we note with pleasure the new scholarly review, The Journal of Psychology and Judaism. Edited by Ottawa's Rabbi Reuben Bulka, this periodical publishes learned articles on various aspects of psychology and psychiatry — as they relate to Jewish issues, past and present. It is interesting to note that the American Jewish community, with a population 20 times larger than that of Canada's, has no comparable publication.

While we applaud these several advances on the Canadian Jewish scene it should be pointed out at the same time that with rare exception, virtually no scholarly books on Jewish themes are published in this country. This community is still largely dependent on New York firms for such works.

Our record as a Jewish community in this respect, therefore, is improving but there is still some distance to go.

A three-letter word

There was an ominously familiar sound to the argument used by the Republican leader in the United States Senate, Howard Baker, to drum up support for President Jimmy Carter's package arms deal for the Middle East, with its 60 F-15 Eagles for Saudi Arabia.

"Saudi pride and Saudi moderation will receive a stunning blow if a commitment made publicly by the President of the United States is publicly repudiated by the United States Congress," Senator Baker intoned.

It was with approximately the same argument that the United States Senate, including Senator William Fulbright voting against his own best judgment, was gulled into supporting the Tonkin Gulf resolution that gave President Lyndon Johnson a free hand in Vietnam.

It is an argument that, taken seriously, would turn the occupant of the White House into an all-powerful autocrat and reduce the United States Congress to the functions of a rubber stamp.

But the cynical opportunism of Senator Baker's argument made it a perfect match for the deal it was advanced to support, a deal that increases, substantially, the dangers of war in the Middle East by adding Saudi Arabia to the ranks of confrontation states within immediate and threatening range of Israel's heartland.

President Carter talks of restoring balance to American dealings with the Middle East. But the real balance that is the goal in this transaction is that of the American balance of payments. And the "pride" and "moderation" used in Washington in talking about Saudi Arabia are just new and more diplomatic ways of spelling the old three-letter word, "oil".

An editorial in The Globe & Mail, Toronto

Regrettable incident

Many have spoken of Israel's benevolent occupation of the West Bank and some have charged the Israelis with terror tactics to repress the local Arab population.

Military occupation is never a pleasant business and, considering everything, the Israeli occupation has not been a harsh one in the majority of cases. Viewed in historical perspective, the occupation has neither been a glorious page in Israel's history, nor a particularly black one. Like an albatross, it has bedeviled the Israelis for the last 11 years.

Recent events in the Middle East availed the world of an opportunity to witness the good, the bad and the ugly of the Israeli occupation. During Israel's plunge into southern Lebanon last March, a ripple of discontent surfaced on the West Bank. The Israelis are no strangers to Arab demonstrations, protests having occurred on a fairly regular basis since 1967. In this instance, however, the jittery Israelis took no chances in their attempt to discourage unrest on the West Bank.

In a town called Beit Jala (population 8,000), 50 Israeli troops rolled up in trucks and surrounded a school. According to Time magazine, which exposed the incident, the soldiers ordered the pupils — all in their early teens — to close the windows, then hurled anti-riot gas into the packed classrooms. The students were so frightened that they leaped 18 feet to the rocky ground below. Ten were hospitalized with fractures, and several will apparently have lifelong limps.

The incident was initially dismissed by the army as a minor mishap that had been exaggerated by Time. But a subsequent investigation, ordered by Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, proved the validity of the charges. As a direct result, the commanding officer of the West Bank, Brig.-Gen. David Hagoel, was removed from his post, while the military governor of Bethlehem and his deputy were put on trial and reprimanded for their part in the affair.

The dismissals reflected the two sides of Israel's occupation — the repressive one and the humane one. The sacking of Hagoel and his over-zealous assistants showed that justice can prevail over injustice. By the same token, however, the incident brings into play the whole question of Israel's occupation of an area containing one million mainly hostile, highly nationalistic Palestinians who detest foreign rule and who will never sit still until they are in charge of their own affairs.

Israelis who dream of a Greater Israel should consider that fact and draw the appropriate lessons from the regrettable incident in Beit Jala.

Vigil kept over Israeli society by fledgling civil rights group

"focus on israel"

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

Civil liberties are currently making headlines in Israel. The issues range from alleged misconduct of the police during demonstrations and arrests to the censoring of sensitive material on the news.

Most democratic countries have organizations for the defence of civil liberties, and to find out about the situation in Israel, The CJN talked to Ruth Gavison, a member of the law faculty at Hebrew University, and outgoing chairperson of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel. The association, a small non-political organization, was formed in 1972. It was assisted at first by the American Jewish Committee, but now runs on a shoe-string budget and most of the work is carried out on a voluntary basis.

CJN: What accounts for the relatively late start of the association's activities in Israel? Isn't there as much sensitivity to civil liberties in Israel as in other democratic countries?

Gavison: I wouldn't want to give the impression that we are the only civil rights group in Israel. There are others which deal with specific issues, such as prisoners' rights, with whom we co-operate. Then there is Shulamit Aloni's Civil Rights Movement, which is a parliamentary political party doing important work in this area. However, I would agree that there is a certain lack of public awareness of the issues.

Under the British Mandate, civil rights were vigorously championed by the Yishuv. But with the establishment of the state, it was regarded as almost unpatriotic to suggest that our own government was not taking care of our civil liberties adequately. Add to this the fact that large sectors of the population come from Eastern Europe and the Arab countries, where civil liberties are simply not taken seriously.

CJN: But these liberties are anchored in Israeli law.

Gavison: Certainly. Israel, like Canada and Britain, has no formal constitution. An attempt was made at passing an all-embracing civil liberties law, though it never passed the committee stage. But the principles set out in the Declaration of Independence are embodied in various pieces of legislation, so there is no basis for saying there is no adequate defence of these liberties in Israeli law.

CJN: What are your principal areas of concern?

Gavison: We operate in four major areas: personal status, particularly marriage and divorce, which are in the jurisdiction of the religious courts. Then there are security-connected issues, which include administrative arrests, and expropriation of land or property. This shades off into the third area: freedom of speech, because for reasons of security, people with unconventional political opinions may be denied freedom of expression. You have a problem here in the schools in the Arab sector, where literature may be banned from the syllabus, because its Arab-nationalist overtones are taken as an attack on Israel. Lastly, there is 'law and order': the rights of prisoners and suspects, and recently, the pursuit of organized crime suspects at the expense of civil rights.

CJN: What methods do you use in dealing with these cases?

Gavison: We hold symposia, keep a close watch on selected issues and legislation, prepare reports for MKs and the press. We have framed bills on women's status and administrative arrest. Soon we shall begin publishing pamphlets for the public on topics like the rights of people under arrest. Another issue we shall be taking up is hospitalization of the mentally sick against their will.

CJN: How much of your work is connected with minority rights?

Gavison: Possibly 60%. Recently, for example, we were asked to deal with the case of students from Taibe, a village inside Israel, who were tried in a military instead of a civil court after anti-government slogans were found scrawled on the walls. Then there is our ongoing treatment of Negev Bedouin complaints. They were involved in a complex land claims dispute with the government, in the course of which they have been turned off land, had buildings demolished and their shepherds harassed.

We have also taken up the case of Mohammed Burkan, a Jerusalem Arab, who was evicted from his home in the Jewish Quarter during renovation projects, and refused the right to reacquire property there. And as for cases of threatened civil rights beyond the "green line", such as incidents involving student demonstrations in Bir Zeit, Ramallah and Beit Jallah — as the other party here is the Israeli authorities, we do not feel ourselves free, as an Israeli organization, to refrain from dealing with these problems.

CJN: Doesn't this mean the association is often identified with a left-wing political line?

Gavison: Not necessarily. It should be remembered that Herut was in the forefront of a crucial civil liberties struggle in this country: the ending of military government over Israeli Arabs in the '60s. The defence regulations, which give virtually unlimited powers to the executive to curb personal liberty and freedom of expression, were inherited from the British Mandate. Herut feared that keeping them on the book in a sovereign Israel would be a standing invitation to the government to crush the opposition. But the fact remains that at the time these regulations were used against Israel's Arab population.

The Likud in power has continued to take this line. Soon they may allow the inhabitants of Biram and Ikrit, who were expelled after the War of Independence for security reasons, to return to their homes near the Lebanese border. Then you have the removal of Brigadier David Hagoel from his post as regional commander of Judea and Samaria — an unprecedented step. (Brigadier Hagoel was removed from his post on the orders of Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, after an investigation substantiated reports in Time magazine and the Israeli daily Haaretz. The reports, two months ago, said that an army unit caused injury to high school students in Beit Jallah, who had earlier taken part in demonstrations, by tossing tear gas grenades into their classrooms.)

CJN: One can guarantee civil rights even to groups whose objective is the overthrow of society?

Gavison: Clearly, a civil rights organization would support measures against groups engaging in violent, subversive activities such as you have today in Germany or Italy. But it would not support the authorities if they tried to muzzle groups who publish unorthodox opinions in pamphlets. When a policeman tells people collecting signatures for the Peace Now movement that he has orders to monitor subversive activity, and asks them to identify themselves, as happened here recently, a warning light should flash somewhere.

CJN: It is sometimes claimed that a country like Israel, threatened on all sides, and from within, cannot afford the luxury of the full range of civil liberties.

Gavison: In a country with no dissension or internal divisions, you probably wouldn't need a civil rights association. It's precisely where there are burning controversies and real problems that it becomes so crucial to defend civil rights.

(Carol Gooter photo)

Hebrew University's Ruth Gavison

Letters to the Editor

Article on proposed Psychologists Act gives misleading impression: readers

Dear Editor:

The article on Marvin Goodman in The Canadian Jewish News, April 21, gives a very misleading impression of the proposed Psychologists Act. As a spokesman for the Ontario Psychological Association (OPA), Dr. Goodman compares the act to our seat-belt law, which is "an example of government control for the common good."

Anyone who reads the proposed act will see how silly this comparison is. The act defines the "practice of psychology" so that it includes all forms of counselling and then prohibits anyone from practising psychology unless he or she belongs to a group which is specifically exempted from prosecution.

An exemption is given to clergy only if they confine their counselling to their own congregation and receive no remuneration, directly or indirectly, from the recipient of the counselling. And according to the act, the cabinet has the authority to change or to withdraw an exemption which has been granted.

If the act were passed, rabbis, priests and ministers — and every citizen — would have the right to counsel others who have personal problems only if given permission by the government. And the state would thus acquire the authority to eliminate any voluntary association which involves counselling: new religions and old religions, distress centres and yoga centres, therapy groups and ethnic associations.

Any time the public is in a mood of scapegoating panic, an unpopular group could be prosecuted for counselling without a license and without an exemption. All groups would exist by permission of the state unless they banned counselling among their members. And the OPA would be the new "state church", with a pre-eminence over all other groups.

It is not surprising that such totalitarian legislation has been officially opposed by many different groups, such as the Toronto Board of Education, the Family Service Association of Metropolitan Toronto, the Ontario Medical Association, the National Congress of Italian Canadians (Toronto branch), The Ontario Association of Professional Social Workers, The Ontario Council of the United Church of Canada, the Canadian Association for Pastoral Education, and the Ontario Federation of Yoga Teachers.

Donald Evans,
chairman, Committee Against Psychologists Act,
Toronto

Dear Editor:

I am angry, saddened and appalled by your newspaper reporting of the implications of the "Proposal to Control the Practice of Psychology in Ontario" which was presented by the Ontario Psychological Association to the Ministry of Health last August. This appeared in an article about Marvin Goodman, president of the OPA.

To start with, all of OPA does not support this act. I am a member of the OPA and do not support this legislation. I am joined in opposition by many full and associate members of the OPA. Recently, the MA division of the OPA submitted their own brief to the Ministry of Health which essentially regulates the association alone and not other disciplines. The OPA board has demanded that we withdraw this brief.

The article quotes Goodman as saying he does not fear over-legislation, but a group of concerned and thoughtful citizens felt differently and united against the act. In January of this year they came together calling themselves the Ad Hoc Committee of Concerned Citizens Against the Proposed Act. From a small group of individuals this committee is now actively supported by over 70 organizations in this province who are concerned with exactly that — over-legislation by the province in areas which we consider dangerous to civil and religious liberties.

In the carefully researched article on this subject in The Toronto Star (March 11, 1978) headlined "Psychology bill stirs fear and outrage" it was pointed out that opponents of this act fear it would outlaw distress centres, Alcoholics Anonymous, stop-smoking groups, yoga classes, assertiveness training sessions as well as all volunteer counselling. Of course, all counsellors trained at Transactional Analysis, Gestalt and Bio-Energetic Institutes would be unavailable to service the public.

This means that at a time when OHIP payments are increasing, hundreds of established private counsellors who are paid directly for their services would not be allowed to continue practising. Especially frightening is the fact that most ethnic counselling is done by volunteers and untrained people and these services would be cancelled. In our Jewish community most of the growth programs offered at the YMHA would be unavailable since they are not led by psychologists.

Goodman compares this type of civil and religious restrictions with restrictions implied in seat belt legislation and his doing so is insulting the feelings and intelligence of Jews and all thoughtful citizens.

Connie Young,
Toronto

Dear Editor:

The news story "Anti-Zionism on Campus: Is It on Upsurge?" by Toba Korenblum (May 12, 1978) has been brought to my attention. The statement in the story that the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East acts as a pro-Israel lobby is not correct.

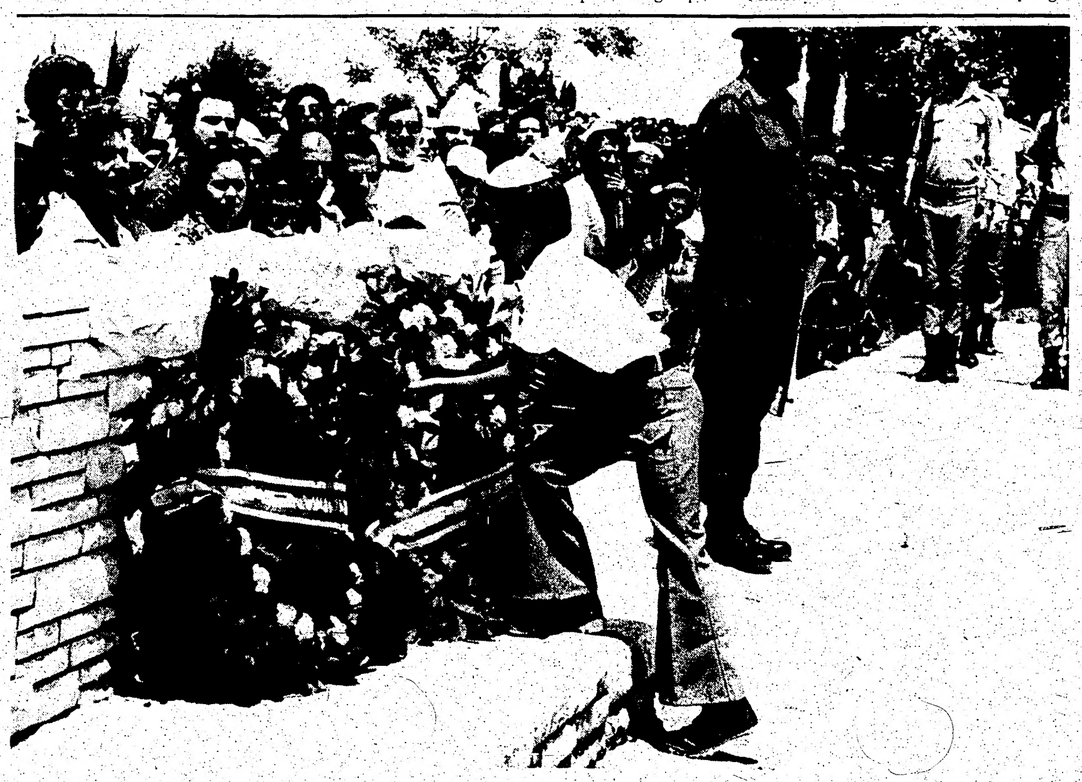
Harry Crowe,
national chairman,
Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East,
Toronto

Dear Editor:

Last night (May 10), in observance of Yom Ha'atzmaut, I spent a week at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. It was an evening which will be long remembered; it was a very long evening. The speeches droned on for 30 years, following which the choir wailed through 5,000 years of ancient history. I sat glassy-eyed through inexplicable periods of waiting, punctuated only by the shuffling of microphones and piteous pleas for someone to turn on the lights.

The Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region, is to be congratulated; I know that to some, the program appeared to be a disorganized mishmash, but to the astute observer it was clearly a finely orchestrated event designed to involve the whole audience in demonstrating the quintessential Jewish characteristic — endurance!

Carole Greenberg,
Toronto



REMEMBERING THE DEAD

(IPPA photo)

A boy who lost his father in one of Israel's wars lays a wreath in Tel Aviv cemetery. Similar ceremonies were held all over Israel.

(IPPA photo)

South Lebanese inhabitants head back to their homes in the aftermath of the massive Israeli invasion. Life is returning to normal in the region, although the PLO still holds sway in certain regions. Problems which sparked trouble in Lebanon are still unresolved.

In the wake of the Israeli invasion...

S. Lebanon returns to normal

By YORAM KESSEL

BINT JEBEIL (JCNS) —

Despite the scars of war inflicted on the whole area, life in at least some of the villages of south Lebanon is returning to normal. The apparent feeling of security has increased the stream of refugees who had fled north and are now coming back to their homes in villages and townships.

The fact that various international and Lebanese government welfare agencies have begun operating in the area has enhanced the step towards normality. But their main encouragement comes from the de facto co-operation between the Israel Defence Forces and the Lebanese authorities.

Israel welcomes the return of all civilians against whom there are no suspicions of affiliation to the terrorists. The Lebanese government, too, has been waging a strenuous propaganda campaign over its radio, encouraging the return. The bridges across the Litani River are open to all Lebanese civilians who hold official government identity cards and who are prepared to undergo the checks at a variety of roadblocks manned by the IDF authorities, United Nations' UNIFIL, the Lebanese army units and the terrorists.

Many of the Shiite Moslem residents of the south have been utilizing these open bridges for travel back and forth northwards visiting relatives and for trading purposes. The Christians almost all refrain from venturing north for fear of reprisals at the hands of the terrorists.

When I arrived in the central square of Bint Jebeil, a small hilltop townlet (located in the central sector of the border region and only some four miles from the Israeli frontier), the Lebanese welfare workers had just completed distribution of food relief to local residents. Each family received a sack of flour, a sack of lentils, five kilos of rice, three kilograms of oil, sugar and a little tea. The place was humming with activity.

There are certainly still some apprehensions. A history teacher told me that on his return a few days ago at the IDF checkposts, the soldiers had a thick volume containing names of suspected collaborators with the Palestine Liberation Organization; possibly 10,000 names, he estimated. He feared that on the list might be anyone who had even greeted a Palestinian in the street, or a member of the Lebanese left.

Still some fear

When I asked others who concurred with this complaint why they had not expressed these fears over Lebanese radio (on which they were interviewed a few minutes earlier), one local shopkeeper said simply: "Well, we want the people to come back home. And actually we haven't anything to fear from the Israeli interrogation. Everyone who is detained is released within a day or two." One of the crowd warned me that everything I was listening to would soon be relayed back to Beirut and anyone speaking to me would go on a black-list of those collaborating with the Israelis. This did not seem to worry anyone, and the crowd about me continued to swell.

Bint Jebeil has, I was informed, about 5,000 residents at present. A fortnight ago there were only half that number, while in the immediate wake of the Israeli occupation there were but 500.

I asked why the villagers did not take up the offer to arm themselves and organize a local defence. I was told firmly by two members of the local council, that they had decided against having any arms in the village. Israel was responsible for security and that was that. (Bint Jebeil is within the six to seven mile strip north of the Galilee border which will remain under Israeli control after the big pullback from the areas nearer the Litani.)

The problem of security is especially problematic because the village remains without electricity. The IDF refused to allow Lebanese electrical workers to enter the area except to make necessary repairs, unless a written request was first filed from Beirut. Such a request was never made and the village remains blacked out after dark. The day-time picture is also not bright. All schools remain closed, and so do most public institutions and the market trading area. In the villages the farmers have returned to work their fields, but Bint Jebeil is a town of light industry and commerce, and in these areas everything remains paralyzed.

But not everything has come to a standstill. The grocery stores are open, and in all the other villages through which I drove, schools are open and the shops have fresh produce. Most of it was brought from Beirut. Fresh vegetables are purchased from Israel.

The general impression is that the speed and extent of reconstruction far from meets the needs, and it will still take some time before south Lebanon returns to its normal lifestyle. The fact that the Lebanese authorities and the UN are co-operating in a bid to maintain an "open bridge" situation across the Litani River, enabling an almost free flow of people and merchandise, should contribute to the success of this objective.

Israel's Operation Litani should not be seen as a failure. Israeli settlements in the north now have some peace from attacks and the northern front has strengthened. The IDF did indeed succeed in pushing the terrorists from the only territory in which they could still exercise a measure of self-will. Now they are fully under Syrian aegis, and Syrian domination over them is growing.

So long as the Syrians remain in Lebanon, they can be expected to restrain the Palestinians from acting directly against Israel, as Damascus has no intention at present of exacerbating tensions with the Jewish state.

Attempts to tar Israel by comparing it to S. Africa seen as historically false

By HENRY SREBRNIK

Israel is not another South Africa precisely because it is a Zionist state. It is neither "white" nor "Western"; it is Jewish, and, as such, the state of a people that has never defined itself in terms of skin color or place of emigration.

In the past few years, as part of a calculated campaign to tar Israel with the odious brush of the apartheid regime, various claims have been made about the ideological affinities between the Jewish state and South Africa or Rhodesia.

When its enemies accuse Israel of being a "white settler state", they, of course, mean this in the cultural and ideological sense — that is, that the state is a European transplant. This is both historically incorrect and a complete misreading of Jewish consciousness.

The term "white", even as used by racists, is, after all, not simply a matter of skin color, but, so to speak, a religio-cultural concept meaning, in effect, "European Christian". Otherwise, Arabs, too, could qualify as "whites" — many are, indeed, lighter than are Oriental Jews, for instance. This is, of course, why to Nazis, Jews are literally not "whites" — not being (Christian) "Aryans" — and why even in racist South Africa no Jew could be a member of the ruling Nationalist Party until after World War II. Among the classical anti-Semitic barbs hurled at Jews in Europe were the words "Asiatics" and "Orientals." How ironic, then, that today's left sees Israelis (even those from the Middle East) as "white", and outsiders to the region.

Israelis as outsiders

If, indeed, the case of recreating the Jewish nation in Israel were equivalent to Englishmen colonizing Rhodesia, then — to turn the argument on its head — the reverse would also be true: the Rhodesian settlement would be like the Israeli one. Both, after all, are said to be white oppressor groups from Europe; Nordic Aryans, supposedly! What, then, would the Rhodesian case look like?

Merely trying to fit the Rhodesian case into this very different framework points out how absurd and unjust is the analogy. Surely, it would make more sense had it been Poles, Russians, or Germans who had gone to Palestine to create a state, not Jews from those countries, people who had never really been part of Europe in the first place, and who were certainly without any share of sovereign power there. The Jews were not a European "fragment" going off to an alien land — they were, to repeat the classical Zionist slogan, a dispersed nation wishing to re-establish itself in its old homeland.

It is true that, objectively, from the viewpoint of the Palestinian Arabs, they came as intruders (even though, needless to say, the last role they ever saw themselves in was that of colonizers). Yet even from that point of view, surely, Israel is not an "alien" intrusion into the Middle East — the South Africa of the region — but is, if anything, a better version of, say, Liberia.

Zionism has, in its classical form, tried not only to build a state, but to negate the Diaspora. It has not only attempted to once again gather the Jews in Israel, but also to have them return to their national roots defined in the context of historical territoriality.

Ingathering of Jews

So, unlike Liberia, which retains its "Diaspora characteristics", even though African — it is an "American Black state" overseas, its language remains English, its currency the dollar, its cities have names like Monrovia — the Israelis have recreated their ancient tribal language, Hebrew (indeed, in the original Sephardic accent, not the "European" Ashkenazi), and the modes of nationality that correspond to the region they left. By becoming Israelis, and not remaining "Polish Jews", "Russian Jews", even "Arab Jews"; by calling their cities Beersheba and Tel Aviv, and rebuilding ancient biblical sites, rather than creating new "Warsaws" or "Kievs", they have actually returned to Israel, in a modern, transformed, version of the original nationality.

(A silly argument is sometimes made that today's Israeli is not "really" a descendent of the ancient Hebrews — as if national feeling were a matter of actual genetics or "blood", rather than the sense of belonging to a specific people, in terms of collective destiny. Such arguments veer dangerously close to fascist theories of "race". Of course, one could point out that the Palestinians, possibly, have more "Jewish blood" than today's Jew — after all, they were the descendants of those people who stayed behind in Palestine and were converted to Christianity and, later, Islam. Certainly, one would be hard put to convince them, therefore, to become Israelis.)

Even apart from the empirical fact that 75% of all Israelis are now people who have always lived in the Middle East, by birth or origin, Israel being Jewish, has never been "European" anyhow. Israeli consciousness is Jewish consciousness. It is the Jewish nation in its own land, once again reconstituted as a sovereign country. And, as Nahum Goldmann, the former president of the World Jewish Congress, once said: "As long as the nations in the 20th century find their expression in states, we Jews must also have a state."

(IPPA photo)

South African Prime Minister John Vorster lights up a cigarette for former Israeli premier Yitzhak Rabin when the former visited Jerusalem in the spring of 1976. South African-Israeli ties are growing closer, but it's wrong to compare Israel with the racist regime in Pretoria, argues Henry Srebrnik, a Dawson College political science lecturer.

'Vegetarianism in mainstream of Mosaic tradition'

Israeli vegetarians: a distinct sub-culture

israel today

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT —

The government of Israel has been charged with "subsidizing heart attacks."

This grave accusation has been levelled by the local Vegetarians' Association, which claims that government subsidies on eggs and meat encourage the consumption of these cholesterol-rich commodities, and this helps explain why heart attacks account for half of all deaths in Israel today, as against only one-third in 1961.

If subsidies are to be given, the association adds, they should be used to encourage the consumption of foods which contribute to health rather than increase illnesses.

But even without government subsidies there has been a dramatic growth in the number of health food stores and in the number of Israeli vegetarians, of whom there are now some 50,000. And though they constitute less than 2% of the population, they are a very distinct sub-culture, almost a religion.

Indeed, leaders of the association have recently attempted to show how their "religion" stems from Judaism, which, as Dr. M. Atidiya admitted in a recent issue of Teva Ubriut (Nature and Health), the association's bi-monthly, is no easy matter.

Atidiya begins by pointing out that the Sabbath meal is usually associated with eating meat and fish, that great attention is paid in Jewish statutes to the role of the ritual slaughterer and that animal sacrifices were a central feature of services in the Holy Temple.

However, Atidiya argues, there are various aspects of biblical law which indicate a greater respect for animals than was common in ancient times. He cites, for example, the injunction in Exodus against "any manner of work" on the Sabbath by either man or his animals. Later, in Deuteronomy, man is told that he must not plow with an ox and a donkey lest an unbearable strain be put on the weaker donkey.

And even the laws governing kashrut, Atidiya says, are unusually humane. When the Jew is informed that he must not "seeth a kid in its mother's milk," this is equivalent to saying "you have killed the gentle little kid; it would be the height of cruelty to cook him in his mother's milk as well."

"This means," he concludes, "that Jewish vegetarians are in the very mainstream of the Mosaic tradition."

Unfortunately for the vegetarians, however, they live in a society where others interpret this tradition in a rather different manner. In the army, for example, the main meals are almost always meat-based, which is just fine for the ordinary soldier but not for the vegetarian in khaki.

In order to make it easier for the latter, the Vegetarians' Association has reached an agreement with the Defence Ministry whereby its members on active service are given a special allowance to buy "their food" in order to make up for the army food they are foregoing.

Even so, problems remain. One of these was reflected in a letter which appeared in the last issue of the association's bi-monthly. It was written by Tamar Erman, now finishing her studies at a Jerusalem high school and soon to be called up by the army.

After pointing out that in the course of her service she will be expected to spend some time working in the kitchen, Tamar asked: "How can I, as a vegetarian, cook and serve the flesh of poor defenceless animals who were slaughtered solely to satisfy the cravings of human beings?"

In his reply to Ms. Erman, the editor assured her that most commanders would probably take her feelings into consideration and free her from working in the kitchen. If not, she could turn to the association for assistance. "Of course," the editor added, "all vegetarians look forward to the day when military service will no longer be necessary, when both animals and men will be spared from slaughter."

You've got troubles? Forget them all and come down and see 'The Sages of Chelm'

By J.B. SALSBERG

Welcome, welcome, sages of Chelm to Toronto!

You couldn't have come at a more appropriate time. We need you now, when our hearts are heavy, like we never needed you before. So, welcome, Chelmer chachomim!

Do I hear a voice from the back of the hall asking where Chelm is and who are the chachomim (sages), that come from that place? Yes, I think that I do hear that question. The person that asks is obviously only a drop-in, for every loyal reader of this column surely knows of Chelm and has, at one time or another, met a chachom of Chelm.

But as we have been taught throughout the ages we are duty bound to bring enlightenment to the backward and the uninstructed. I'm sure that you, my learned and well instructed friends, will be tolerant and patient while I answer the questioner there, at the rear of the hall. (Uncle Eliezer says that there may be others in the audience who can stand a bit of basic information about Chelm and its renowned chachomim (plural for chacom, i.e. sage, sages).) Well, here goes.

A Chelmer Jew (we are not concerned with the non-Jews of that famed town), actually looks and behaves like you and I. In fact, it is said that the person next to you at a meeting, a Bar-Mitzva, or what have you, may be a Chelmer and you wouldn't even know it.

It's not that the Chelmer conceals their identity but that they don't boast of it either. That is, they stopped boasting when the Jews outside Chelm began making them the butt of all jokes and the models for naronim (fools) par excellence. But Jews as you surely know, don't like to shame other Jews, (certainly not in public), so they substituted a euphemism for naronim (fools), and call them chachomin (sages). But everybody knows that when one talks about Chelmer chachomim (sages) one means naronim (fools). O.K. so far?

So who are the Chelmer sages that I welcome to Toronto? It is told discreetly that the sages coming to our city are Chelmer who, in their wisdom, chose non-Chelmer in Montreal as their parents. This they did to conceal their true identity. All day they are Montreal teachers, lawyers, doctors, writers, etc. But at night they get together under the direction of one Dora Wasserman and there and then they emerge for what they really are — Chelmer sages. To further protect themselves they go under an assumed name of the Yiddish Drama Group of the Saidye Bronfman Centre in Montreal. Smart, those Chelmer naronim surely are.

They have been carrying on like this for 15 years or more. Montrealers flock to their performances and enjoy themselves immensely. To further cover their Chelmer tracks that band of performers puts on other plays as well. But all those other plays are, as I said earlier, only a means of diverting attention from their Chelmer origins.

Their masterpeice (and mine too), is **The Sages of Chelm**. They put everything they have into this one. This, after all, is Chelm! They reveal the profound wisdom of Chelm, they sing and dance as Chelm always did. It's the genuine, 18 carat Chelm. No wonder that **The Sages of Chelm** is revived year after year.

So I ask you, my loyal readers, was there ever a better time for the Chelmer to come to Toronto and cheer us up? There wasn't.

Think of it: Carter and his Zbigniew just pulled an atrocious indecency on Israel. Their way to peace in the Middle East is by way of supplying the most advanced fighter planes to Saudi Arabia and to Egypt. Levesque plays a dangerous game of darts with the rest of Canada. Our dollar can't stand still. Everything else is in varying stages of snafu. So what could be better than to turn our backs on all our troubles and escape to Chelm?

The Sages of Chelm will be the guest of the Posluns Theatre at the Northern YMHA. I can't think of anything better. Certainly not for this weekend. You will forget all tzores (troubles) and get a bit of culture, too. What could be better?

In case you worry about the inadequacy of your Yiddish, I want to assure you that you needn't worry. Every single one of you knows more Yiddish than you know French, or Italian, and yet you go to the opera. (Uncle Eliezer suggests that some who don't even know English well go to the English theatre. No?)

Why do I do all this? Because I love Yiddish, I treasure everything about Chelm and I'm a devotee of the Wasserman Yiddish Drama Group at the Saidye Bronfman Centre.

Yes, I think that you need cheering up and the sages (those naronim) will do it. (In fact I'm sneaking in this piece at the last moment so the editor (he's really not bad) will not insist that I write on another theme. It will be too late to do that. I'm from Chelm too...)

So welcome sages of Chelm! I know that you want people to think that you're only pretending to be the wise men of Chelm but that you're really actors. You can't fool me, you Chelmer, who masquerade as young Jewish teachers, doctors, lawyers, writers, etc. etc. I know who you are! You're Chelmer landsleit despite your Montreal parents who are Litvaks, Polish, Russian and Even Romanians.

Hi, Chachomim.

Organizations and People

what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

MEDICAL GROUPS TO MERGE

Two major medical organizations in the Jewish community become one this Sunday, the 28th, when the Maimonides Medical Society of Ontario merges with the Israel Medical Association of Canada. The joint organization will continue under the IMA banner. Israeli acting Consul General Matti Golan is guest speaker at the event which takes place at 8 p.m. at the Inn on the Park.

GHETTO UPRISING MEMORIAL

Another Sunday, the 28th, event is the Labor Zionist Alliance observance of the 35th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, set for 11 a.m. at the Martyrs' Monument, Mount Sinai Memorial Park. Guest speaker will be Rabbi Herbert Feder. In case of rain, the memorial will be held at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

SHOPPER'S DELIGHT

There's a garage sale and mini bazaar on Sunday, the 28th, where you can pick up lots of good buys. It is sponsored by Zion Branch, National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, and takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 40 Mossgrove Trail, Willowdale.

You'll find bargains galore at Bazaar '78, Toronto B'nai B'rith Women's largest fund-raiser of the year, running Wednesday, the 31st, from 10 a.m. to midnight at the West Annex Coliseum, CNE.

HEBREW U BENEFIT

Wilfred Posluns, Toronto chapter president, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, reports that sponsors' tickets to the May 30 benefit performance by Israel's Batsheva Dance Company are selling well. For tickets for their St. Lawrence Centre appearance, call 787-0136.

FUN AND GAMES

A Las Vegas Nite and auction is on the boards for Thornhill Lodge B'nai B'rith this Saturday, the 27th 7:30 p.m., at the Thornhill Community Centre, Bayview Avenue and John Street.

Then on Wednesday, the 31st, Karen-Or Group is having its annual card night to raise funds for various local and Israeli causes. That's at 8 p.m. at Baycrest Terrace, 55 Ameer Ave.

ART SHOW

An art show of some 80-100 pieces by Israeli artists, plus a commemorative coin display in celebration of Israel's 30th anniversary, opened at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue last night and will run to June 13.

FOR AND ABOUT SENIORS

The Beth Tzedec Chai Club luncheon on Tuesday, the 30th, features a musical presentation of song, piano and mandolin by Miklos Emhecht and company. The time is 12:30.

At the Mother's Day luncheon of the Workmen's Circle Social Club last week, an appeal by member David Wasserman resulted in $200 being raised for the Israeli Widows and Orphans of the Fallen Heroes fund. Chairman of the club is Shirley Grotell, with Edith White, vice-president, and Cecile Edelist, treasurer.

The annual senior citizens creative arts display, staged by the North York Parks and Recreation Department, will be held at North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St., May 29-June 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SINGLES TAKE NOTE

On Saturday, the 27th, a disco dance party, sponsored by the Labor Zionist Alliance Young Professionals, begins at 7:45 p.m. at Viewmount Ave.

Bio-feedback is what 'Y' staffer Neil Goldberg will be discussing at the World of the Singles lecture slated for Sunday, the 28th, at 8:45 p.m. at the northern 'Y'.

TEA TIME

A spring tea hosted by Olga Shayne Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO takes place Wednesday, the 31st, from 1-5 p.m. at the home of Rita Kahn, 340 Lonsdale Rd.

The Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood dessert tea is on Tuesday, the 30th, at the home of Sara Sheffield, 50 Misty Lane, Don Mills.

CCCJ CONFERENCE

Communicating Faith in a Multicultural Society was the theme of a conference held by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews in Toronto recently. The conference brought together leaders from the Christian, Jewish, Islamic and Hindu religions, as well as religious educators from throughout Ontario. Among the speakers were Rabbi Michael Stroh, Temple Har Zion; Muzamnil Siddiqui, World League, New York, and Hari Shrivastava, Hindu Cultural Society, Toronto.

David Bennett, a Grade 9 student at Associated Hebrew Schools, demonstrates how light passes through a prism at the school's first junior high science fair. Ninety-one students participated, displaying 45 exhibits in all. David was the winner for Grade 9, along with Wendy Senor. Other winners were Gary Rotman [Grade 8], Howard Bétel and Hartley Lichtblau [Grade 7] and Jeffrey Springer [overall].

Support in W. Europe waning

By JEFF BIEN

TORONTO —

If there has been an erosion of support for Israel in the U.S., there has been a further erosion in Western Europe, says Jacob Sheinkman, U.S. president of the Jewish Labor Committee.

Speaking to an audience of about 100 people, at a meeting convened by the JLC of Canada, he said of his recent trip to Western Germany: "We noted amongst the younger generation, particularly of socialists, that there was a tendency to support the PLO, the Palestinian demand for self-determination and the establishment of an independent Arab state on the West Bank."

Sheinkman, who is also secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamted Clothing and Textile Workers of the U.S. and Canada, headed a JLC delegation to Western Europe which met with political leaders of the social democratic and labor movements, including premiers, Jewish leaders and diplomats. The delegation dealt primarily with questions of Israel's security, Soviet Jewry and the resurgence of neo-Nazism.

He told the gathering at Holy Blossom Temple that the greatest danger in West Germany today is posed by terrorists groups comprised of young, middle class, educated people who are known to have ties with such groups as the PLO and the Red Brigades.

Sheinkman emphasized the necessity to support all the vital democratic movements in West Germany, noting that major shipments of military supplies during the Yom Kippur War were transferred from West Germany to Israel and that the fourth largest bank in Germany has heavy investment in Israel.

"Politically, the right wing is weak," he said, "and the German leadership we met was aware that the veneer of democracy is very thin."

He maintained that the Jewish community in West Germany is small but quite vocal, assuming a strong position on matters concerning world Jewry, when necessary.

He stressed the importance of checking any form of Nazism and noted that in West Germany "the only manifestation of Nazism we found was a Nazi ad in a pornographic shop in the city of Cologne, on one of the major streets, with a return address not to any city in Germany but to the city of Lincoln, Nebraska, U.S.A."

He contended, however, that the younger generation of Germany has very little knowledge of the Holocaust, and "if history is not to repeat itself, our German brothers and sisters have an obligation to make sure that the younger generation of Germans are aware of what transpired in Germany."

Speaking on the plight of Soviet Jewry, Sheinkman drew attention to the proximity of Soviet troops to West Germany and the subsequent impact it has on West German-Soviet relations. The West Germans, he said, do not favor an open attack upon Soviet policy regarding Soviet Jews or other dissident groups.

Turning to Israel, he told the audience that he had just received communication from one of President Carter's key aides that the U.S. continues to support the Jewish state, despite the recent sale of advanced aircraft to Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

The JLC had called on the Carter adminstration to return to the role of convener and mediator and to abandon the arms "package deal" and fully resume its role as ally of Israel.

Sheinkman said that although the JLC encourages the Israeli government to be flexible on matters of boundaries and settlements, the risks incurred in the process are "Israeli" risks involving their lives and futures, and therefore ultimate decisions must rest in the hands of the Israeli people.

Other speakers during the evening were Al Hershkovitz, chairman of Ontario section of JLC; Harry Simon, Canadian president of the JLC, and Dave Satok, chairman of the national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Simon asserted that the JLC was the first organized group to raise the issue of Soviet Jewry, sending a delegation to the Soviet embassy in Ottawa, which was probably the first and only Jewish delegation the Soviet ambassador has received.

Holocaust Day held

LONDON, Ont. —

A Holocaust Education Day, sponsored by the London Holocaust Memorial Committee, was held here recently under the chairmanship of Gloria Gilbert.

Arnold Ages, a professor of French literature at the University of Waterloo, was the featured lecturer. He delivered a talk on "The Origin of the Holocaust — Psychological and Historical Insights."

An exhibit of art, artifacts and photographs of the war years, loaned by survivors, was on display throughout the day at the Jewish Community Council.

Debbie Sheinbaum, Debbie Medzon, Robert Shore and Nina Richmond, members of Young Judea, participated in a reading and film-strip presentation.

Johannes DeVries, and his wife, a Dutch couple now residing outside London, were honored by the Jewish community for taking care of several Jewish children for many years during the war. They were presented with a wood-cut print done by local artist Chana Sherebrin.

...about people

Leningrad Refusenik **Oksana Chertin** is visiting Canada, after a brief trip to the U.S., She and her husband Alexander had to wait five years for permission to leave Russia for Israel, during which time he lost his position as radio engineer and she was expelled from the institute where she was a student.

Following stop-overs in Ottawa and Montreal, Mrs. Chertin will be in Toronto to speak (in English) at Holy Blossom Temple Saturday morning, the 27th, assist at the Soviet Jewry checkpoint of the UJA Walkathon on Sunday and then address a regional meeting of B'nai B'rith on Monday evening. Her trip to Canada is sponsored by the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, of which **Max Shecter** is national chairman. An interesting side note is that **Florence Shecter,** Max's wife, "adopted" Oksana Chertin a number of years ago and wrote hundreds of letters to her in Leningrad.

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This Thursday evening, June 1, Holy Blossom Temple is paying tribute to **Ethel Raicus,** who is retiring after 36 years on the religious school faculty. She came on staff as director of arts and crafts in 1942, pitching in as Grade 7 teacher a year later when the military draft created a shortage of teachers. In 1958, she became director of the Hebrew department and introduced to Toronto the Habet U'Shma method for teaching Hebrew conversation. A talented artist as well as educator, Miss Raicus has exhibited her work in group and individual shows and has several awards and a Canada Council grant to her credit. She is presently on the executive of both the Ontario Society of Artists and the Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolor.

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In addition to the Canadian Housing Design Council award given to architect Irving Boigon for the Baycrest Terrace, awards also were presented to the Baycrest Centre president **Edwin Goldstein** and to Greenwin Construction. Baycrest Centre was cited for "the contribution made to improve residential design."

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Two Jewish teenagers took top spots in the Ontario Gymnastic Championships held in Waterloo two weeks ago. **Danny Fedder** came away with the overall gold medal in the junior men's level one category with a score of 50.25 points, followed by silver medal winner **Doron Kernerman** with 50.20. These two 16-year-olds have been competing with each other for the past three years. Last year, Doron was first and Danny second.

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On Tuesday, the 30th, internationally celebrated cellist **Zara Nelsova,** once first cellist with the Toronto Symphony, gives the concluding concert in the four-part CBC Radio Springfest series presented in conjunction with the 'Y's Leah Posluns Theatre. She will be accompanied by pianist Samuel Sanders. The time is 8 p.m. at the theatre. The box office number is 630-6752.

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Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation has a new rabbi — **Amram Assayag**, 25, who was born in Tangier and came to Canada with his parents in 1968. A student at Toronto's Ner Israel Yeshiva College, he spent two years in Israel at Beth Hatalmud College in Jerusalem and then, three years ago, was ordained in New York. The rabbi has inaugurated Sephardic study course for youngsters and adults, which will be given in both English and Spanish. If you are interested, you can call him at the synagogue, at 636-4719.

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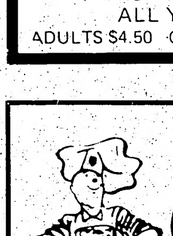
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Concert to climax Israel Day at Ontario Place on June 4

Dancer Dahlia Obadiah demonstrates a routine.

TORONTO —

A concert featuring the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, Israeli singer Miki Kam, and a specially commissioned musical tribute will climax Israel Day festivities at Ontario Place, June 4.

Marking Israel's 30th anniversary, the event is sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, in co-operation with Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region.

The day will begin with Israeli and Judaic exhibits in Pod One and special movies in Theatre Two. At 11:30 there will be a children's program in the bandshell, featuring performers from five Toronto schools and a sing-a-long with Phyllis Panet.

Israel's foremost jazz rock group, the Lahakat Piamenta, will headline an afternoon show in the Forum which will also feature Ahuva Shai singing Yemenite and contemporary Israeli songs.

Singer Miki Kam

In the bandshell, the Pepi Puppet Theatre, under the direction of Andrew Taryan, will perform **David and Goliath**; in Theatre Two, the Nephesh Theatre Company presents **The Bride and the Butterfly Hunter** by Israeli playwright Nissem Aloni, and on the Showboat, the Yitzhak Argaman Trio will play Israeli folk songs.

The Nirkoda Dancers, featuring Dahlia Obadiah, a Moroccan-Jewish dancer, will perform in the bandshell from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Ceremonies prior to the evening concert in the Forum at 8 p.m. will include Israel's Ambassador to Canada, Mordecai Shalev; Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry and John Maxwell, director general of Ontario Place.

The concert by the Hamilton Philharmonic, under the baton of Boris Brott, will feature comedienne-actress Kam, performing in Canada for the first time, violinist Mikhail Brat and musical arrangements by Udi Harpaz. An original composition by Paul Hoffert, commissioned by the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Ontario Arts Council, will be performed by a chorus and instrumental group under the direction of Gordon Kushner, with Cantor Louis Danto as soloist.

Take political, not cultural approach, urged Herzl's collaborator Max Nordau

landmark events in our history

By ROCHELLE CARR

It was spring of 1896 in Paris. The tranquility of that season belied the agitation felt in the heart of Max Nordau. Just a few months before, Theodor Herzl had come to consult the physician about his mental health. Herzl told Nordau about his desire for a Jewish state. So caught up in his patient's plans, Nordau supposedly exclaimed: "If you are crazy, then we are both crazy. Count on me."

Whether the story is apocryphal is irrelevant to the issue that Nordau had now determined to give his wholehearted support to a very difficult pursuit — a Jewish homeland.

Added to the complexity of the situation was the life Nordau had led up to that point. Like his friend, Herzl, he too was born in Pest (Budapest). Although Nordau's Hebrew-teacher father saw to it that the boy had a traditional upbringing, like Herzl, he was influenced by the surrounding German secular culture. In 1867, at the age of 18, he broke from the ties of Jewish tradition.

Gifted Nordau soon began to look for a broader stage on which to use his talents. He quickly gained a reputation for gifted writing. By 1873 he had been given the prestigious post of Viennese correspondent for the influential Budapest newspaper, Pester Lloyd. Two years later, he completed a medical degree and shortly moved permanently to Paris.

While he practised medicine, his reputation as a literary genius grew. In **Conventional Lies of Civilization**, he attacked most commonly accepted mores, particularly religion. Like many avant-garde writers of that day, he began to infuse his books with so-called psychological explanations of people and events.

As a result, by the time of his famous meeting with Herzl he was the better known of the two, enjoying an excellent reputation on a broad European base. Later, it was that reputation which helped attract intellectuals such as Israel Zangwill and Bernard Lazare to Zionism. At the First Zionist Congress in 1897, Nordau proved that he was a masterful orator, giving a thundering speech on the state of world Jewry. That approach was repeated at each congress until the 10th.

He consistently warned his fellow Zionists of the urgent need for political action, as opposed to emphasizing cultural Zionism, or practical Zionism (i.e., building up small Jewish communities on the land in Palestine), in order to bring about Jewish statehood. His heart was not behind the famed Uganda scheme, which would give Jews land in Africa, but because of his friend, Herzl, he conditionally supported it. That move almost cost him his life. A young, impassioned Zionist, who wanted only the Holy Land for the Jews, attempted to kill him.

Nordau's last major act occured in 1921 when he tried, unsuccessfully, to convince world Jewry to move hundreds of thousands of Jews out of pogrom-ridden Eastern Europe. Two years later, on Jan. 23, Nordau died. Realizing the contribution he had made, friends moved his remains, in 1926, to where the bustling city of Tel Aviv now stands.

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Parshat Behar

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Sometimes, when you think you're gaining, you're losing — and when you're losing, you're gaining.

According to the Torah, every seventh year the land of Israel is to lie fallow, a **shemita** sabbatical year. About 140 years ago, the saintly Reb Avraham Dov of Abritz made aliya, when Palestine was still a wilderness. His love of Eretz Yisrael was so great, that he took upon himself not to eat produce grown outside the Holy Land.

One year, there was a famine, and wheat was imported from **chutz la'aretz**. Reb Avraham Dov refused to eat from it. When his colleagues asked him why, he explained:

"The Almighty commanded that the Jews leave their fields fallow on the seventh year. But then He promised that if they are worried how they will eat, He will command His blessing for the sixth year, and there'll be enough left for two years. But if they could import food from outside Eretz Yisrael, what did they have to be nervous about? But it's a sign that a Jew should strive to eat only produce from Eretz Yisrael . . . ." (Mee'mayanot Hanetzach)

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It's easy to talk about **betachon**, confidence in G-d, courage, strength and integrity — as long as the wheat and dollars roll in.

But the test of a Jew is not when the path is easy, but hard. You have to be willing to make sacrifices for principle. That's hard. But the end is very sweet and good.

Israel has the problem of the seventh year. But we Jews in Toronto have a more difficult problem — the Seventh Day! Shabbos! How are we going to keep it? Are we going to forget about it? Because without the Sabbath we're lost, finished, **chas v'shalom.**

Sabbath is a sign that we believe in G-d, the Torah, and the Messiah. There was a time that desecration of the Sabbath was taken for granted. It was assumed that when you broke out of the walls of the ghetto, the old rules didn't apply. Sabbath belonged to our grandfathers, the museum, the picture album.

But it's not like that anymore. As Morley Torgov recently pointed out in Weekend Magazine, you can see knitted kipas on Bay Street lawyers and Toronto General doctors. You can be a professional, an intellectual, a businessman, a builder — and still keep the Sabbath.

No, Shabbos is not dead. Not just the Sabbath of Friday night candles and kiddush over a family meal, but the real Shabbos, the full Shabbos, the Shabbos when a Jew feels the **neshama yesaira** entering his body and warming his bones. The Shabbos that is a portion of the World to Come. It is alive. It is well. It is spreading, powerfully, rapidly.

A number of young, dedicated Jews have joined to form a new organization called BOSS — Businessmen Professionals' Organization for Shemirat Shabbat. It is dedicated to spreading the wealth, the spiritual wealth of the blessing of keeping the Shabbat.

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When the Ponoviczher Rav visited the Chofetz Chaim kibbutz on the sabbatical year, and saw how fully they observed the laws, he bowed down to the earth, kissed it and said:

"Good Shabbos, earth . . . ." Shabbat Shalom.

(David Groskind photo)

Canadian Minister of Manpower and Immigration Bud Cullen presents citizenship certificate to 16-year-old Russian immigrant Nataly Sheinkopf at ceremony held at JIAS. Looking on is Maurice Benzacar of JIAS.

New immigration law strengthens Canada's commitment to refugees

By VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

The new Immigration Act, proclaimed this past April, strengthens Canada's long-standing commitment to refugees and enhances the opportunities for both the government and groups like the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services to offer them more assistance, says Bud Cullen, federal minister of employment and immigration.

Addressing over 300 people at Temple Sinai recently, the minister explained that the goal of the new legislation was threefold.

First, it confirms Canada's obligations under the United Nations Convention to protect refugees within Canadian borders. Secondly, in order to provide a legislative sanction for the selection and resettlement of refugees, the act establishes "convention refugees" as a distinct admissible class on equal footing with the family and independent classes. Third, the law allows groups and organizations to sponsor refugees."

Expanding on the third point, Cullen said that under the refugee sponsorship program, legally incorporated organizations or groups of at least five adult Canadian citizens or permanent residents are eligible to participate.

He further remarked that in order to be recognized as sponsors, groups must agree to provide both immediate material assistance — such as food, clothing and accommodation — and longer-term moral support and resettlement assistance.

A vital element of the new law allows Canada to help persecuted or displaced persons on humanitarian grounds, regardless of whether or not they fall within the UN's definition of a convention refugee, Cullen said.

Joseph Casse, acting as chairman of the meeting and current president of JIAS, Central Region, praised both federal and provincial governments for their consideration and financial aid in assisting Jewish refugees in Canada.

He observed that the themes of rescue, rehabilitation and resettlement continued to be the motivation of those at JIAS during the past year.

"In 1977 we saw a manifestation of these themes with the admission of Jewish immigrants from 13 different countries. Some came from Morocco, Poland, Romania, Hungary, Chile, South Africa and in large numbers, the Soviet Union," he said.

Casse commented that the monthly caseload is maintained at about 120 families, with JIAS receiving approximately 20 families per month.

Explaining that one of the most crucial elements in a resettlement program is the securing of jobs to achieve financial and psychological independency, the JIAS president praised the works of Donald V. Schwartz, a part-time employee in particular.

Casse said Schwartz "was instrumental in helping professional Soviet immigrants, especially doctors, dentists, nurses and engineers, to qualify for examinations and obtain Canadian licences."

During the meeting, 32 Soviet nationals received Canadian citizenship at a ceremony presided over by Judge Herbert S. Levy, in the presence of a clerk of the court and an RCMP officer.

Expounding on the multiplicity of cultures that make up the Canadian mosaic, Levy remarked:

"There is no prototype Canadian. Canadian skin can be black, brown, red, white or yellow. We are, in fact, a nationality of diversities; one of the most democratic societies on earth.

"In Canada, we have the right to vote for whom we wish, the right to speak without fear, the right to oppose whom we feel to be wrong, and the right to preach and observe the religion of our choice."

Other JIAS participants at the meeting were Ernest Scharfstein, Eastern Region president; Charles Kent, national president; Dr. Robert Disenhouse, Central Region vice-president; Wolfe D. Goodman, past national president, and Joseph Kage, national executive vice-president.

Veteran of war, Leonard Fine, is dead at 61

TORONTO —

A guard of honor composed of members of the Wingate branch of the Canadian Legion participated in the funeral services of Leonard Fine, a founder of the Toronto post of the Jewish War Veterans, who died here this week.

Services were held at Beth Sholom Synagogue for the former RCAF veteran, who died at 61. Fine represented the Jewish War Veterans on Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canada-Israel Committee.

Veteran Leonard Fine

A participant in Israel's War of Independence, he joined the 7th brigade and was active in the first bayonet attack in the fledgling Jewish state. He returned to Israel after a brief stay in Canada, to drill for oil in the early '50s. There he met and married his wife, Shoshana.

Fine was a founder of the Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel and acted as first president of Machal in Toronto. He succeeded, in the past year, in enlisting 400 members to the Toronto post of the Jewish War Veterans. A past-president of the Tri-Bell Club he was active in Toronto State of Israel Bonds.

He is survived by his wife, son Ron, daughters Leora and Karen, brothers Harold and Freddie and a sister, Ruth Borshay.

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'Group aliya could help North American olim'

TORONTO —

Many North Americans do not succeed in aliya on a long-term basis, despite assistance with housing, employment and tax breaks, Albert Goldberg, Ontario regional director of the Israel Aliyah Centre, thinks this problem can best be solved through group aliya geared to the specific needs of North Americans.

Addressing 30 members of the Orot Yerushalayim group at the Ulpanot Orot Girls High School, the American-born sociologist said immigrants have to face some minor irritations in Israel. They learn to cope with bureaucracy, to bargain, and to deal with a different school system.

"In Israel, everything is open to negotiation: No means maybe; in Canada, maybe usually means no, but in Israel, it's the other way around," he said.

Goldberg, who went on aliya to join the faculty of industry and management at the Haifa Technion, reassured the meeting that Israel is a small community and a group such as Orot Yerushalayim could negotiate more effectively than an individual in key areas such as employment and housing.

Orot Yerushalayim (Lights of Jerusalem) is a mutual-aid group of families representing a cross-section of ages and professional backgrounds, who share a common ideal: aliya.

There are now about 20-40 families in the group. Two of them, Ellen and Spencer Waldman, and Toba and Jack Blitz, are already living in Jerusalem. Another member, Nolan Jacobs, is moving to Israel in July with his wife and 10-month-old baby.

The 30 Orot Yerushalayim members met to plan their own aliya and integration into Israeli society. Each member has equal influence on the development of the group, and may serve on any or all of the planning committees.

The concept of group aliya is supported by other professional experts who feel it will help to reduce the failure rate of North American olim.

Leo Davids, professor of sociology at York University, said many Jews succeed in the early phases of aliya. They are motivated to make the 'big break' and move to Israel. They succeed in finding work and housing. But when they confront the problem of full integration into Israeli society, Davids feels many people need the support of a group.

"After the first euphoria has worn off, olim often miss their friends. A group such as Orot Yerushalayim could serve as a buffer in helping immigrants make the transition into Israeli society."

Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz, guidance director at the Associated Hebrew Schools and Community Hebrew Academy counsels many young, would-be olim. He finds them idealistic and better able to integrate fully into Israeli life. They often emigrate after graduating from university and learn Hebrew fluently.

"Going on aliya is rather like getting married — it is wise to be prepared and have some education on the more practical aspects of the subject before taking the plunge. Orot Yerushalayim fills that need for prospective olim," Sacknovitz said.

Not everyone in the group will leave at the same time. A few more may go within the next two years, with others following later.

There are no financial or age barriers to joining Orot Yerushalayim, and returning Israelis are welcome. Anyone wishing to join may contact Albert Goldberg at the Israel Aliyah Office, 781-4660.

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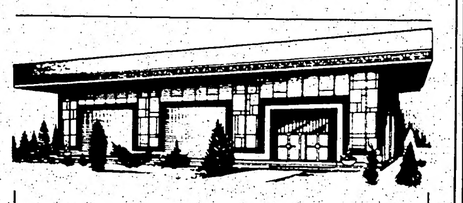

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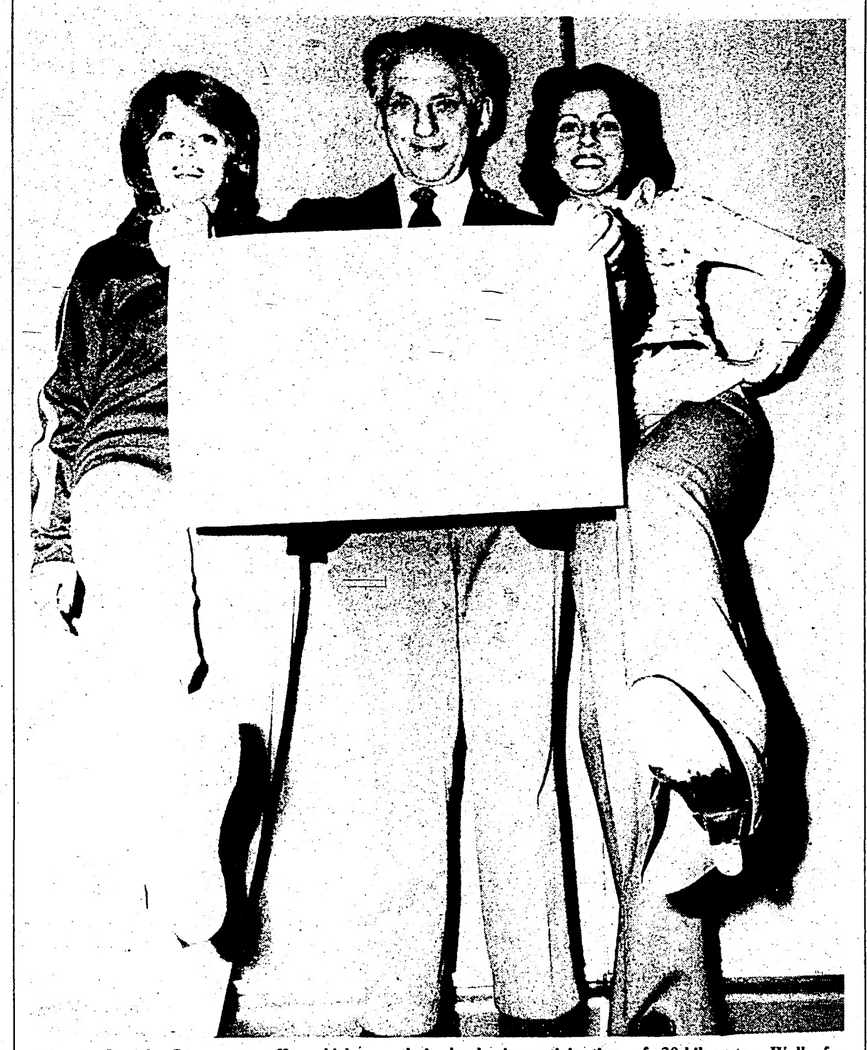

Toronto Jewish Congress staffers kick up their heels in anticipation of 30-kilometre Walk for Israel on Sunday, May 28. From left: Hedy Nivoix, Kurt Kramer and Shoshana Kalmus. It begins 8 a.m.

Silkes is given Finkler award for her writing

By RUTH GOLDSMITH

TORONTO — Genia Silkes, lecturer and writer, has been awarded the annual Marilyn Finkler Memorial Award in Literature for her "journalistic excellence in furthering awareness of the Holocaust."

The Finkler Memorial Fund was established three years ago by Leona and Arnold Finkler and is administered by the Jewish Public Library, which has an extensive collection of Yiddish books and literature in addition to its vast collections in English and Hebrew.

Mrs. Silkes has much to teach about the Holocaust. She was born in Poland, and graduated from the Vilno Jewish Teacher's Seminary and the Vilno University. Her late husband Isaac Barkowitch, a writer, was killed by the Nazis.

In lectures, books and articles, Mrs. Silkes tells about the Warsaw Ghetto; about preparations for the uprising; about the children, and about the underground schools she and her late husband set up for them.

She took part in the uprising and was captured by the Germans May 8. She jumped from the train on the way to Treblinka and survived by living as a non-Jew, working for the Jewish underground.

After liberation, she worked as a researcher, collecting documentary evidence on the Holocaust for the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in Paris. She immigrated to the United States in 1956 and now lives in New York, working as a lecturer and writer for the Research Foundation of the City University of New York.

In an interview, Mrs. Silkes said that the Holocaust exterminated the European Jewish communities physically, intellectually and spiritually. "Yiddish is part of the spiritual and cultural heritage of European Jewry. It is imperative that Yiddish writers continue their work for the sake of posterity, to record what happened, and to perpetuate the culture and the literature that was destroyed."

Mrs. Finkler considers the library the ideal centre to make information and publications on the Nazi era available to the general public. "It is important to continue to research, write and speak about it. Although I am a survivor of eight concentration camps, I can still learn about Jewish life during that time."

She emphasized that Holocaust information is not being documented and disseminated to incite hatred against anyone. "We have had enough genocide and murder and hatred. We simply want people to be aware of what happened."

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Anniversary medallions produced by Israeli artist

TORONTO — A local Israeli artist has teamed up with a Christian partner to produce a series of commemorative medallions to mark Israel's 30th anniversary.

Dubi Arie, a well-known painter and sculptor formerly from Kibbutz Shaar Ha'Golan, says the project was two years in the making. Douglas Allen, a Toronto promoter, joined forces with Arie last year in the belief that the designs merited public attention.

The five medallions, which chronicle Israel's history through various themes, are of proof quality and double struck, and Allen believes they're the only such medallions produced in Canada.

One and a half inches in diameter and available in fine silver, gold plated silver or 24 carat gold, the medallions were produced by Cor-Well Good-Win of Ajax, Ont., and the Interbranch Mint of Malton, Ont. The firms will have invested $250,000 by the time the project has been completed, Allen claims.

To be sold in North America, Israel, France, Britain and South Africa, the medallions depict the Exodus, Israel's battles, the conquest of the desert, 30 years of independence and aliya.

The medallions are available only in sets. Prices vary. For example, a fine silver set costs $175, while a gold-plated silver set goes for $275.

A program on the medallions will be aired on Channel 79 on June 4 at 9:30 a.m., and they will be on display, together with Arie's art, at Ontario Place during Israel Day June 4.

Arie, whom one art critic wrote "captures the vitality of Israel" with his abstract works and sculptures, is 38 years old and has lived in Toronto for the last four years.

His work has been exhibited in Israel, Toronto, South Africa and the U.S.

This set of medallions was designed by Israeli artist Dubie Arie, now of Toronto.

From astro-physics to baseball

'Amateur' fan turns 'pro' writer as Globe's top sports columnist

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — Allen Abel might have been an obscure scientist if the American space program had not been shelved. Though the intense Globe and Mail writer missed out on his ambition to study the solar system, fate propelled him into another galaxy — the universe of sports.

Canada's youngest major sports columnist, Abel, 28, was studying astrophysics at Rensselaer Polytechnic in Troy, N.Y., and broadcasting games for the local college hockey team, when he decided that the sun and the moon held little future for him.

Midway through his course, he abandoned science, dropping out of school to be a sporting goods salesman and a $40 per week, part-time sports reporter for a small New York state newspaper. "I had no future, no career," says the Brooklyn-born Abel, who admits he never entertained the idea of becoming a journalist.

"I was just a sports fan," he says.

Since then, Abel has become more than merely an interested bystander. In his highly competitive field, he has just about risen to the top. He joined the Globe last year after being hired by the managing editor, Clark Davey, on the strength of his clippings and experience.

Until coming to Toronto, Abel worked for a succession of New York state newspapers such as the Troy Record, Troy Times Record and the Albany Times-Union, a Hearst paper. He covered college hockey, the Yankees and Mets, baseball spring training and the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games. For a period of time, he also worked on the copy desk.

Following the Olympics, Abel applied for a job on a bigger Hearst newspaper, but was rejected. So he sent applications to newspapers in Montreal and Toronto. He had no trouble getting into Canada, as an American, because his wife, Linda, is a Canadian citizen, a dietitian who was raised in Kingston, Ont.

Since joining the Globe, Abel — the son of a luncheonette-newstand owner — has travelled 75,000 to 100,000 miles covering hockey, baseball, football,

Allen Abel of the Globe

track and field and boxing in North America and abroad. His wife accompanies him on the longer trips.

It's difficult to say whether his competitors in Toronto like his work. But Ken McKee, sports editor of the Star, says, "I enjoy reading his column. He has a good touch."

Abel claims he has complete freedom of expression at the Globe and notes that the editors rarely suggest topics. In fact, they'd consider it insulting if he asked for direction, he says. Neither, he discloses, is he asked to give the baseball Blue Jays favored treatment because one of its proprietors, Howard Webster, happens to be part-owner of the Globe.

In Abel's view, the calibre of sports writing in the city is as high as anywhere in the U.S. Nevertheless, he criticizes the profession, saying that "a lot of writers get lazy and tend to take the easy way out. They interview the coach and the manager instead of getting down to the locker room where the guys are sweating."

He looks upon sports as merely another branch of entertainment. "If you want serious news, read the front page," he advises. "I don't see my role to analyze. I let the subject tell the story, without using the first-person 'I'. What do I know?"

A cool, composed man, Abel has no heroes in sports, and he does not admire any particular athlete. "The guy you look up to makes good copy," he says crisply. He classifies King Clancy and "Tiger" Williams of the Maple Leafs in that category.

He says he regrets that pro sports still regard the press as ignorant and as the enemy. But it doesn't bother him. "They're looking for scapegoats."

Unlike other columnists, he does not blanch at the astronomical salaries of some athletes.

"Most of them deserve it," he notes, saying that they are entitled to as much money as their fellow entertainers, actors. "Pro sport is tougher than most people think. You're doing your job with 50,000 people booing and throwing beer bottles at you."

Abel says the role of a coach varies. On the high school and college levels, "a coach means everything. He's a teacher. In pro sports he has to have less effect. By the time a guy is a professional, he should know how to play the game."

He disagrees with the assumption that the Olympics are too infected by nationalism. "It's not that way with the athletes," he observes, suggesting that the TV networks are responsible for spreading this falsehood.

Abel used to play softball and baseball, but lately he has had no time for participatory sports, working seven-days-a-week, even on his days off. However, he enjoys listening to his rhythm-and-blues record collection, and he likes travelling.

The Globe's sports department consists of about 25 reporters and copy editors and Abel is one of four Jews on the staff. The others are Jeff Labow, Jeff Goodman and Larry Orenstein, a part-time employee of The Canadian Jewish News.

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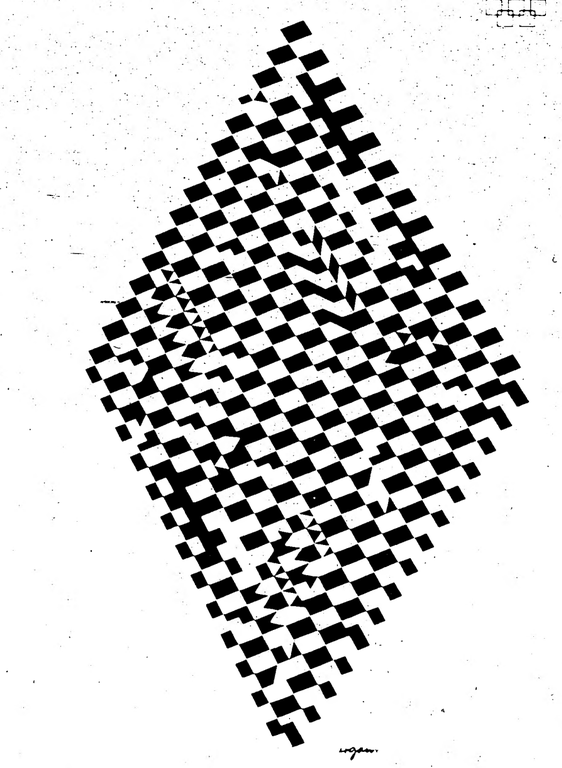

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CHESS IN ART

Serigraph by Yaacov Agam is displayed at the Electric Gallery, 25 Hazelton.

Israel Art Festival offers a wide choice of paintings, tapestries

art

By RHONDA ROVAN

To start the Israeli Art Festival with a visit to the Electric Gallery, 25 Hazelton Ave., is much like a tourist getting his or her first perspective of Toronto from the top of the CN Tower: everything afterward is a comedown.

The fact is, Yaacov Agam's fascinating, amusing kinetic art stands apart in excellence. Internationally renowned, the Israeli-born Agam, now living in Paris, produces art-sculpture that can be enjoyed from different angles — and appreciated at different levels. It can mesmerize a child and entertain the most computerized and esoteric viewer.

Works like his gold-plated **Beating Heart**, made up of a series of rings within rings, ripple in precision and simplicity.

Agam's work involves the viewer — you have to touch his kinetic art to see the multitude of combinations that are possible. He even installed a radar-beam unit that beeps when it picks up movement from passersby — the visitor's involvement is unconscious, inevitable.

Exciting work, and obviously the highlight of the festival. Not that all roads of excellence lead to the Electric Gallery, but that's where it's concentrated.

The festival was arranged by Herbert Goldman, a Haifa art dealer and the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation. Some 400 works of art were brought to Toronto in time for the 30th anniversary of the state of Israel. The festival runs to this Saturday, May 27, save for Agam's work, which runs to May 31.

The concept of the festival — strolling in and out of the galleries for a pleasant afternoon — is terrific. The festival provides an overview of Israeli art today, from the older-generation artists to the avante-garde.

At the Albert White Gallery, you can find the literal work of Moshe Castel, who uses basalt stone on paper, to show blood running down scrolls, and the stunted, strange sculpture of Eli Ilan, one of Israel's more prominent modern sculptors.

At Galerie Dresdnere, Nahum Gutman has a beautiful work among the tapestries — a colorful, vision in **Abraham and the Angels**.

Kaspar Gallery has surrealist Samuel Bak, and gouaches by Naftali Bezem.

Loranger has a good selection of contemporary work — Michael Eisman's intricate, dream-like, graphic drawings and scribbles can keep you occupied.

At Kar Gallery, you'll find charming, hand-painted etchings, folkloric art from Russian-born artists, and discover that pertinent information was left off the labels beside the paintings — like the artists' names.

Estee has primitive art, you'll find posters at Marci Lipman, and a variety-packed exhibit of etchings, lithos and serigraphs at Prince Arthur.

A $2 catalogue, available at all the galleries, gives rough biographies on the artists.

Winner of Academy Award

'Rosa' is a towering success

film

By JENIVA BERGER

Moshe Mizrahi's superb film, **Madame Rosa,** has recently come to Toronto's York Cinema with a basketful of accolades from the U.S. film critics and the 1977 Academy Award for best foreign film.

Simone Signoret, its 57-year-old star, has been credited with giving one of the best performances in her illustrious career. The picture is currently enjoying a healthy run at a top movie house in New York along with word-of-mouth, unadulterated praise, and the novel on which **Madame Rosa** is based, Emile Ajar's **Momo** won France's prestigious literary award, the Prix Goncourt.

Clearly, **Madame Rosa**'s arrival is enough to send movie buffs scampering to see what all of the fuss is about. Quite simply, it is one of those quiet "little" films that is so well done, so tightly directed, and so honestly performed, that it shines all the more because it is so unpretentious.

It succeeds on a very humane and earthy level and director Mizrahi keeps the emotional content, potentially lugubrious, soundly balanced with the wry humor in the film's many scenes.

The Madame Rosa of the film is a former prostitute whose salad days are long past. She has travelled the Second World War route, keeping herself, a Jewess, out of Auschwitz's ovens by sheer grit.

When the film opens, Madame, a 66-year-old, bloated, sometimes painted, sometimes au natural, grandmotherly figure is in failing health after years of boarding prostitutes' fatherless children.

Knowing that she has only a short time to live, Madame Rosa finds homes for most of her remaining multi-racial and multi-cultural brood; except for a 14-year-old Arab boy called Momo, deserted by his father after his mother has been tragically killed.

Madame raises the boy as a good Moslem, even securing religious instruction for him from a half-blind Moslem played by Gabriel Jabbour.

It is during one of their conversations that Momo — a remarkable adolescent — begins to query his instructor whether it is necessary that a person must love someone to survive.

His only real link with another human being is Madame Rosa, and the story traces their growing interdependence, trust, and love of one another through some heart-rendering and tragi-comic events.

It is impossible not to be affected by the film's ending, which I won't give away, all the more singular because of its bizarre nature. Mizrahi pulls it off with such taste.

Certainly a lot of praise goes to Mizrahi, who directed **The House on Chelouche Street** with the same amount of sensitivity, but the final moments of the film work in large part because of the boy who plays Momo, Samy Ben Youb.

Indeed, throughout the entire film, Ben Youb has an unforgettable haunting beauty and a wisdom far beyond his years, diametrically opposed to Signoret's sometimes crassly made-up face which miraculously complement's Momo's. Still, Madame Rosa emits a history of joy and sorrow immeasurably more riveting than the most charismatic of movie queens. Ultimately, you want to reach out and stroke her creased and lived-in features — she's that real.

Making a first rate appearance as Dr. Katz, Madame Rosa's longtime friend and family medic, is another French film favorite, Claude Dauphin, and two other noteworthies are Costa Gravas as Ramon, who, along with his young wife, played by Michel Bat Adam, the librarian from **The House on Chelouche Street**, befriend Momo in his time of need.

Alongside some of the current film attractions which are proportionately big-budgeted and star-studded, **Madame Rosa** towers. It is a film that you want to hold on to long after you've seen it. That alone, is a refreshing feeling.

Engrossing saga of famous clan

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Guggenheims
An American Epic
By John H. Davis

This giant, many-leveled biography is an engrossing saga of one of the richest and most influential families in history. The story of the Guggenheims is an epic of achievement, rapacity, philanthropy, heartbreak and disintegration.

Meyer Guggenheim, the head of the clan, made his way from a Swiss ghetto village to Philadelphia where he sold stove polish and spices. However, his eager mind and ceaseless vitality soon led him to more attractive business ventures. The mineral resources of the earth were still largely undeveloped and Meyer — with his seven American sons — began to dig everywhere.

They moved untold numbers of laborers and tons of equipment to far flung parts of the world. Writes Davis: "The Guggenheim boys always like to have lots of different metals from lots of different places cooking in their furnaces at the same time. If one mix did not boil into profits, another would."

Gold, diamonds, coal, iron, copper and nitrates flowed from mines in Alaska, Africa, Colorado, Utah, Mexico and Chile. Often the risks were great but the profits were immense. At a time when there was little concern for the environment the Guggenheims left thousands of acres of blighted and devastated land in their wake.

But how widespread and unparalleled were their benefactions. Solomon, of indisputable integrity and personal courage, built the unique New York Guggenheim Museum. His architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, paid him this tribute: "He was the only American millionaire I ever met who died facing the future. All the others cuddled up to the past."

Murray established a famous New York dental clinic for the poor. His son used his father's money to endow a number of hospitals. The $22 million that went to Mount Sinai in New York City was the largest sum ever given to that hospital by one donor.

Daniel, called "the foster father of U.S. aviation," set up a fund for the promotion of aeronautics, pioneered in rocketry and popularized flying.

Simon, the unlucky one, suffered from the suicide of his older son in 1939, 17 years after his younger one had died suddenly of pneumonia. Disconsolate, Simon and his wife Olga created a memorial foundation which through the years has aided innumerable talented scholars, scientists and artists.

Although munificent grants were made to many Jewish institutions and organizations, there was little family concern for Jewish observance or identity. Meyer sent his sons to Catholic schools for the "superior" education they provided. They married Jews, but in the generations that followed intermarriage and assimilation took their toll.

There was an inexorable shedding of Jewish traditions. It may be that the Guggenheims were "the most influential Jewish family in America" but, in time, there was very little Jewish about them.

Among the more creative of the Guggenheim descendants have been Iris Love and Peggy Guggenheim. Iris, great-granddaughter of Isaac, led the archeological expedition to Knidos in Turkey where fruitful finds have been made.

Peggy, flamboyant and colorful daughter of Benjamin — one of the great art patrons of all time — has amassed an unrivalled collection of modern art. Unfortunately, she has seen both her daughter and a lover-protege commit suicide.

The grand era of the Guggenheims' has gradually ebbed. Heroic days of empire building are over. What is left now are five well-endowed foundations, a handful of small companies and a fragmented, widely dispersed family.

Yiddish musical

TORONTO —

The Yiddish Drama Group of the Saidye Bronfman Centre of Montreal will present the Yiddish musical, **The Sages of Chelm** this weekend, May 27 and 28, at the Leah Posluns Theatre of the YMHA on Bathurst Street.

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The Multicultural History Society of Ontario was formed in the autumn of 1976 by a group of academics, civil servants, archivists, and librarians who believed that the record of Ontario's many ethnocultural groups should be preserved. To accomplish its task, the Society co-ordinates its program with the Archives of Ontario and the Multicultural Development Branch of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, but is a fully autonomous organization. We are dedicated to collecting written, photographic, and oral sources on all the province's ethnic communities. The material is deposited in the Archives of Ontario for safekeeping where it is accessible to all who are interested in ethnic and immigration history.

The first issue of **Polyphony**, the bulletin of the Multicultural History Society, is now available. The bulletin includes examples of the kinds of materials being collected by the Society and a discussion of their importance for ethnocultural history. Selections of sources ranging from an Armeno-American Letter Writer to the autobiographies and scrapbooks of community leaders to a Dutch and East Indian newspaper are reproduced. Excerpts from two interviews conducted by Society researchers are presented along with an introduction to the uses of oral testimony. A group of photographs from the Society's collection is reprinted, and special projects carried out by the Society are summarized, including a list of material on emigration held by the Croatian Institute in Zagreb. Finally, a sample of the research guide used by the Society is presented.

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HE'S ERADICATED RACIAL BARRIERS

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Sidney M. Hermant, president of Imperial Optical Company Ltd., is a familiar face in the corridors of power. He is, as journalist Peter Newman noted in his bestseller, **The Canadian Establishment,** a member in good standing of Canada's business elite and, as such, one of the preciously few Jews in it.

Like any mogul, he feels completely at ease in thickly-carpeted boardrooms and in high-powered conferences. And so it comes as no surprise that he is a director of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and the North American Life Assurance Company, and vice-chairman of the University of Toronto's governing council.

Last month, Premier William Davis recognized his talent and connections by appointing Hermant, a Tory "by training and instinct", to be chairman of the board of trustees of the Royal Ontario Museum.

Articulate and outspoken, he admits that he could not have obtained the status he now enjoys 30 years ago. "I lived in a world that didn't contemplate these changes. I would have laughed at them had they told me I'd be a trustee or a company director," he says in an interview in the richly-panelled boardroom of his downtown office.

Asked whether he could have aspired to be a Royal Ontario Museum trustee before the last war, the Upper Canada College and U of T law graduate replies: "Not a snowball's chance in hell. Impossible! I know it. But that's all gone. That issue never comes up anymore, though the old guard doesn't like it. Today, they're sitting around and saying the world is going to hell, that the ethnics are taking over the bloody world."

Until the late 1930s, he adds, "they" — the White Anglo Saxon Protestants, or WASPS — owned Toronto. "Today they don't. No one does, and WASPS are "in a minority everywhere you go."

In spite of his obvious success in breaking down ingrained racial barriers — he belongs to the Granite and Empire clubs — Hermant does not take his station in life lightly. "For a Jew to be a member of the 'establishment', isn't the same as for, say, an Orangeman," he says, speaking of the WASPS. "We have to work twice as hard to get where we are."

In Hermant's view, "today's world is very different" than the one he faced as a youth. "A Jew couldn't rent a house through a trust company, he couldn't join certain organizations."

Prejudice, he muses, isn't popular anymore. Yet the underlying fear of the "outsider" haunts the true-blue reactionaries in the 'establishment'. "It's lack of self-confidence," he says, dismissing their antediluvian attitude.

Hermant says forthrightly that he did not join the Granite Club to crack barriers. "It had the best outdoor tennis courts," he says of that WASP redoubt which some Jews accused of practicing restrictive policies. "I feel comfortable there. The more people who see us there, the more they discover we don't have horns."

The son of a Russian orphan who rose from an itinerant pedlar to business magnate, Hermant is a longtime member of Holy Blossom Temple. Years ago, when intermarriage was still considered a rarity, he married Margaret Shaw, the daughter of a professor.

The Hermants have four sons, Peter, John, Adam and Andrew. "They had their Bar Mitzvas," he says in reply to a question, "but beyond that, they're on their own."

He used to sit on the boards of the 'Y' and Mount Sinai Hospital and taught Sunday school at Holy Blossom. In recent years, however, his Jewish communal activities have been minimal.

"It gets to be a matter of priorities," he says, adding: "Sure, I'm a contributor (to Jewish causes). That's the easiest thing." Otherwise, he concedes, "I've not been of much help to the community. There is no shortage of people to do those things."

Hermant is not troubled by the question of Jewish survival amidst growing intermarriage. "Jews are here to stay. They won't disappear."

He has visited Israel, but is not a Zionist. He defines Zionist as someone who believes in dual citizenship and for whom Israel is the great driving force in his lilfe. As for Israel, he observes: "Israel is there and must always be there. The Jewish people must have a home. But having said that, I don't want to live there."

As president of Imperial Optical, Hermant presides over the largest enterprise of its kind in the country. In 1975, the firm's assets were $45 million and net income after taxes totalled nearly $2 million. Imperial employs, 2,000 workers, has three manufacturing plants and 119 branches.

Hermant, a vigorous 65, originally wanted to continue his law studies in Britain. "But my father had been ill and he said, 'You're taking a risk. I think you better stay home.' So I did and I've never had any second thoughts."

He elaborates: "I was an only child, pretty close to my father. I travelled around Canada with him and the business gets into your blood. Fortunately, my kids are the same."

His "great, abiding interest," outside business and tennis, is the University of Toronto, which he has served for 32 years in various capacities. On education in general, Hermant says he is opposed to affirmative action programs designed to increase the number of minority students in universities, and against limiting the representation of foreign lecturers. "If you restrict university appointments to Canadians only, you're isolating the university...the day you put a tariff around thinking. God help us all."

Sidney M. Hermant

Hermant says he gains tremendous satisfaction from his association with the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, which he calls "the best show in town."

He laughs off Peter Newman's disclosure that he is the bank's biggest shareholder, and describes Newman as "a very sophisticated gossip columnist." Do you know where he got that information from? Newman was on the first governing council of the University of Toronto. He used to receive the Varsity newspaper every day.

"You understand what undergraduates do with a newspaper. They have one heck of a lot of fun. Their natural targets are the members of the governing council. One day I was subject of an attack. They treated me as the great tycoon and, among other things, claimed I was the largest shareholder. I can understand students doing that but for Newman to use it as source material was going a little too far."

(David Groskind photo)

Gerry Ruby of Lichtman's News puts fresh copies of The Jerusalem Post weekly into rack. He heads a chain of four stores in the city which sell more newspapers than any other outfit in Canada. Ruby is only 30.

Papers, magazines, books
Gerry Ruby's stock in trade

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO —

The printed word is far from being anachronistic in an age of instant electronic communication. And despite the technocrats' prophesy that papers would become media dinosaurs, people are still intoxicated by the whiff of printers' ink and the tactile sensation of newsprint.

Gerry Ruby, a child of the boob tube age, has been able to capitalize on that very fact. After four years as owner of Lichtman's News, he now heads a chain of three stores which sell more newspapers than any other outfit in the country. Ruby is 30.

Ruby's inventory lists are a barometer of public reading tastes. And his clientele is a specialized one: Bay Street businessmen in three-piece grey pinstripes, literati in jeans and brown corduroy jackets with leather elbow patches, advertising executives and media professionals.

The Wall Street Journal and Sunday New York Times are rapidly depleted. The prestigious Foreign Affairs quarterly is juxtaposed to an array of specialty magazines — Dog World, Karate Illustrated, Hot Car, The Strad. Business papers like Barron's and Bull and Bear are housed near by some 20 English and foreign "girlie" glossies. The 150 different papers are the favorites, surpassing some 15,000 book titles the stores carry.

In the damp, cluttered basement of his midtown store surrounded by piles of xerox paper and accounting sheets, Ruby mechanically opens the day's mail and bills.

Since he took over the business from his father, Morris, in 1974, he has expanded the operation from the flagship store on Adelaide, to St. Clair and, recently, Bayview Village. Sales have climbed from $120,000 in 1971 to close to $1 million.

"People like to touch — that's the trick," says Ruby flatly. "With newsprint or magazines people are possessive. They like to hold it. It's a simple, mundane thing like that. We're still not yet computerized. We're still human beings with damn mistakes and screwy emotions."

He's been around the business long enough — working in the operation full-time since 1971 — to discern nuances in readership preferences. Canadian publications have become more sophisticated, with government incentives, and newspapers from Western Canada move briskly as the nation's economic epicentre shifts.

"Porn's gone down," a victim of recession claims Ruby. "Money is tighter. People don't want to blow money on porn." With sex more explicit for the younger generation, it is the businessman in his late 50s who laps up British sex magazines or Penthouse. "But actually, they are buying it for the articles not the pictures," he says in earnest.

Extremist political papers "die as fast as they come up," he notes. Sophisticated satirical and liberal magazines like National Lampoon draw a strong audience.

Ruby, himself, samples a cross-section of reading material, considers television as a diversionary form of entertainment and rarely frequents the movie houses.

He abandoned a career as a veterinarian to take over the operation. His father, a former owner of the Westover Hotel, was a comic book publisher in the '40s, and bought Lichtman's in 1968, (the second person to run the business after founder Sam Lichtman died.)

Describing himself as a "workaholic when I have to be," Ruby puts in 70 hours and six days a week into the business. At the ripe age of 30, he's settled down, bought a house, relaxed a bit and doesn't take the same risks as when he was a neophyte executive.

He's also been burned, and is bitter about the experience. At 26, he initiated a wholesale magazine distributorship and ran smack up against MacLean Hunter's monopoly operation. "Money doesn't make money when it comes to politics," he says with hindsight. "I learned you have to play the game. You can't go into a venture and think idealistically. I'm much more skeptical now. It was an expensive lesson." He's a bit more cautious and reflective now. Although he has no major expansionary schemes on the drawing board he does envisage a partnership to open an Ottawa outlet of Lichtman's.

He attributes the stores' success to "old-fashioned hard work. We try to satisfy the customer, even if he's spending 15 cents. Big stores just don't have that old business rapport with people."

Lichtman's, he says, likes to maintain the reputation of trying out books other big chains might not carry — Canadian authors, poetry volumes, works by lesser-known authors. Paperbacks are big sellers, ranging from classics to sexploitation, Hitler to Watergate, Harlequin romances to do-it-yourself guides, and kids' books to the occult.

The papers still are the backbone. More Sunday New York Times are sold in the chain than anywhere in the country. Every major daily English-language paper is represented, alongside more specialized weeklies, from the mass circulation National Enquirer to The Scotsman, Moscow News or Canadian Tribute. The Canadian Jewish News has a modest but steady turnover.

Ruby becomes impatient in the role of the interviewee as two middle-age book publishing executives await outside his cubbyhole of an office. Had he ever thought of changing the store's name to Ruby's?

Lichtman's has been a 65-year-old institution since it first opened its doors on Queen Street, he explains. In his shirtsleeves and tieless, Ruby leans back on his chair and says: "This store's been a tradition in a city. Why change it? I'm not on an ego trip."

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Wolkenstein gets library position

TORONTO — Zigmund Wolkenstein, a teacher, rabbi and administrator, has been appointed executive director of the Jewish Public Library.

Meyer Feldman, president of the library, said Wolkenstein's educational background will ensure the continuation and future development of the work of former executive directors Rabbis Israel Frankel and Michael Cellmker.

Wolkenstein has a bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto and a master's degree in literature from the University of Ottawa.

He was principal of Hillel Academy West Day School in Ottawa, rabbi of Winands Road Synagogue Centre, Baltimore, Md., and most recently, executive director of the Bnei Akiva Yeshivot in Toronto.

Wolkenstein obtained rabbinical ordination from the Ner Israel Yeshiva, Toronto. He and his wife Donna have four children.

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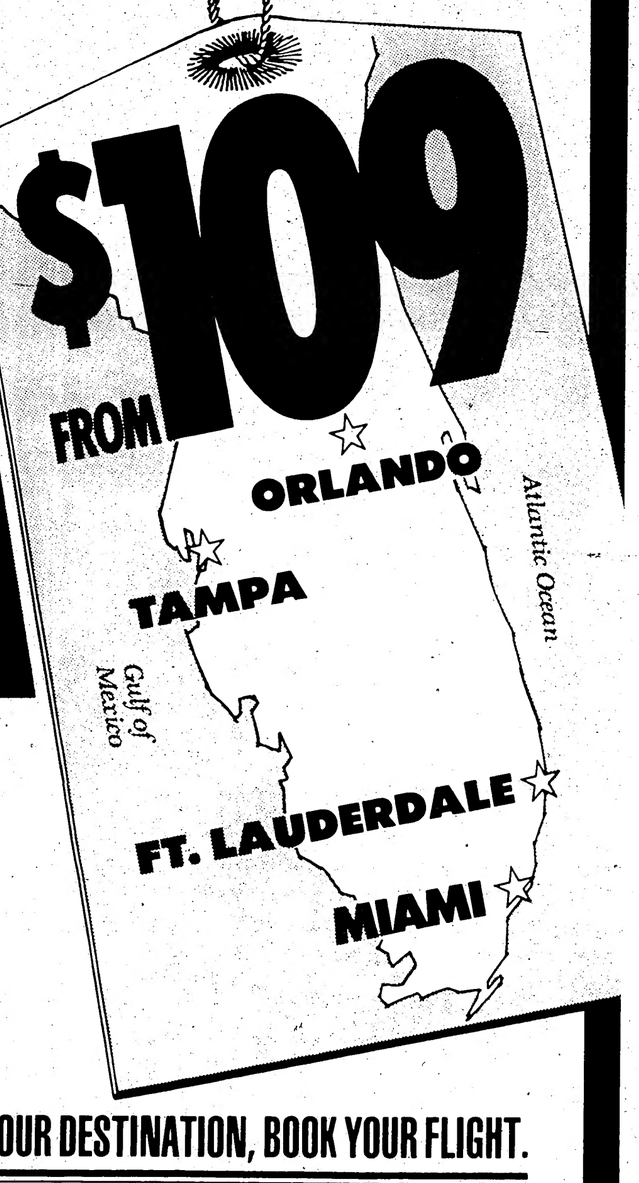

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Sat Dec 9	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 30	Jan 6	Wed Oct 25	$119
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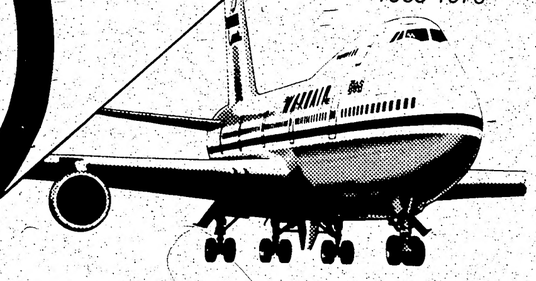

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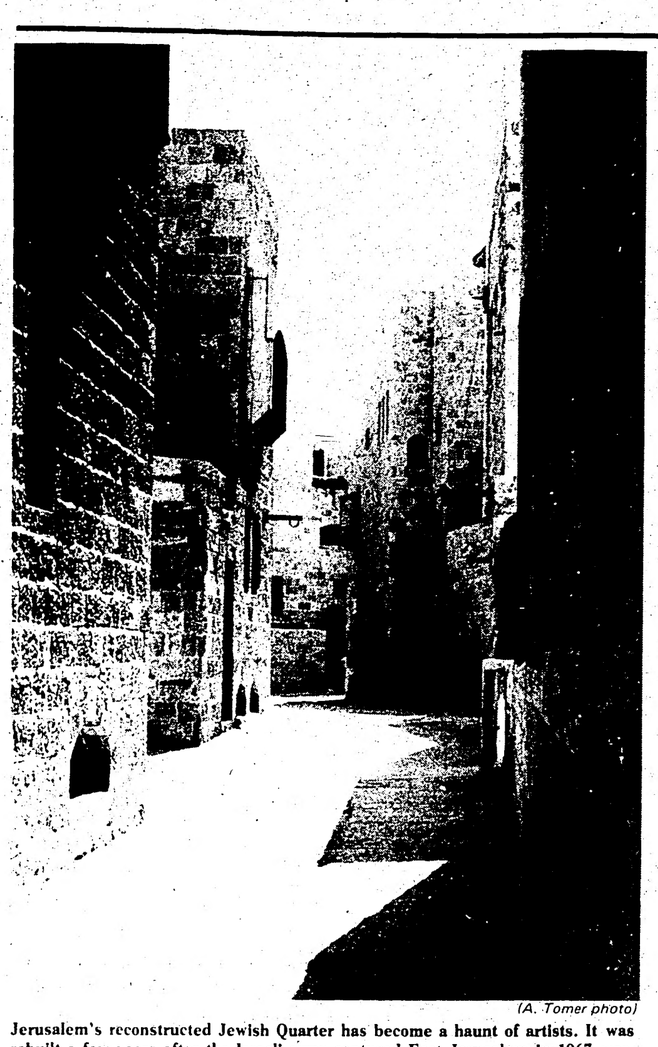

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Jerusalem's reconstructed Jewish Quarter has become a haunt of artists. It was rebuilt a few years after the Israeli army captured East Jerusalem in 1967 war.

Israeli ministry branch sponsors anniversary Jewish singles program

TORONTO [Staff] — Israel this year — during its 30th anniversary celebrations — is expected to draw a precedent-setting influx of tourists and one of the projects designed to attract visitors is aimed at a previously neglected segment of the market: singles.

Jewish Roots Rediscovered, a program sponsored by the government, is designed to attract Jewish singles, aged 25-35, to the first international gathering of its kind.

The singles program, planned for August and December, 1978, will provide "an informal context for singles to rediscover Jewish roots common to them and Jewish singles throughout the world," according to a brochure prepared for the event.

Simcha Goldberg, a former Canadian Jewish Congress staffer, was in town recently to promote the program which is under the auspices of the 30th anniversary committee of the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption.

"This age group has really been unserviced in the past," said Goldberg, noting that the 11-day trips will not stress aliya promotion.

A resident of Jerusalem for the past two years, the Brooklynite said he is measuring the success of the tours "to the extent that they bring over people who wouldn't have come on a different program."

The program includes "a fair measure of Yiddishkeit in a way that won't be intimidating," and will attract Israeli singles as well. The traditional trips to Tel Aviv, Masada, the Galilee and Jerusalem will be augmented with "social mixers", seminars with young kibbutzniks, sight-seeing tours with the Israel Defence Forces and a visit with recently arrived Russian activists.

Individuals or groups are welcome to participate and several hundred people have already enrolled in the December trip. It is anticipated that the program will continue beyond this year and different dates may be made available to agencies or organizations.

"The fact that Jewish singles are getting together at one big bash is really not that bad," said Goldberg of the socializing potential in the program. "It's better than a mixed singles bash. There will be a lot of Jewish education, but they won't be dictated to and it won't be rammed down their throats in a lecture situation."

He said single parents would be most welcome, particularly since these individuals often become alienated from Jewish experience. He is on a North American tour and will be visiting London, as well, to promote the new concept in travel.

Handling the tours from the Canadian end is Harry Pachter of Fisher-Fremont Travel Ltd. The cost for accommodation, flight, some meals and seven full days of sightseeing, as well as social activities will run around $1,295, in Canadian dollars. Goldberg said it compared favorably with similar package arrangements.

Volunteer co-ordinator for singles in Toronto will be Rabbi Meir Gottesman. Those who organize groups of 20 have the added incentive of a free ticket.

Further information can be obtained at Fisher-Fremont, El Al or the Israel Government Tourist Office. Dates for the trips are Aug. 27-Sept. 6 and Dec. 24-Jan. 3.

20 kibbutzim cater to needs of tourists

By LARRY FROMMER

The kibbutz, whose essential character and economy is traditionally agrarian, has, in recent years, branched out into a slew of non-agricultural enterprises such as light industry, handicrafts, carpentry, construction and, of late, tourism.

Today, there are 20 kibbutzim from northern Galilee to the Negev which have guest houses and are in the year-round business of receiving tourists. There's hardly an escorted tour of Israel which doesn't include a night or two in a kibbutz and kibbutz "overnighting" has become such a popular pastime that reservations are hard to come by and must be made well in advance.

If the kibbutzim themselves are modest and, in some cases, even spartan, the tourist guest houses are not. Some are rated as high as four stars by the Israel Ministry of Tourism. Each is spic-and-span, from comfortable to plush and includes many of the tourist amenities found in regular hotels. All have private facilities. Fourteen have private swimming pools and the four that do not are directly accessible to the beach. Thirteen are fully air conditioned and four partially so. All serve meals, fresh from their own gardens, fields and dairies. All but Beit Oren, Beit Yesha, Ein Gedi, Hof Dor, Kayit V'Shayit and Kfar Blum are kosher.

Two of the kibbutz guest houses, Ayelet Hashahar, in the upper Galilee, and Nof Ginossar, on the Sea of Galilee near Tiberius, are downright posh, resembling country clubs rather than kibbutz guest houses.

Ayelet's accommodations are luxurious, its grounds magnificently landscaped and its dining room one of Israel's best. Ayelet is so sophisticated in guest house operation that it even honors Diners Club, Master Charge and American Express credit cards.

Nof Ginossar also has attractive accommodations as well as an unusual setting. Its modern buildings and spacious lawns are nestled among a profusion of gardens and eucalyptus groves smack on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee (Lake Kinnereth). The mountain peaks of the Galilee and the Golan, the silvery expanses of Lake Kinnereth and the stirring panorama of the Ginossar Valley, all form a backdrop of uncommon bucolic beauty.

Though not as elaborate as Ayelet Hashahar and Nof Ginossar, my own favorite is Kibbutz Lavi, an Orthodox community situated in the lower Galilee which was settled by a group of English Jews 29 years ago. In addition to agriculture, Lavi has gotten into woodwork and carpentry.

It built its own synagogue and its skilled carpenters have been commissioned to build synagogues for congregations in Israel and Europe. There is a unique warmth and esprit de corps at Lavi, a truly magnificent sense of hospitality.

Contrary to popular notion kibbutz guest houses don't roll up their sidewalks immediately after dinner. There's plenty of night time diversion such as lectures which provide insight into kibbutz living, films and concerts. During the day of course, all guests are given a comprehensive tour of the kibbutz.

Kibbutz Ma'ale Hamisha, near Jerusalem, even provides entertainment. Kibbutz Hagoshrim, near the Syrian border, organizes tours to Tel Hai, Metzudat Ha-Koah, the Golan Heights and Mt. Hermon. Kibbutz guests generally find the price is right. Accommodations with two meals daily at Kibbutz Lavi, for instance, is only $17.20 per person while the somewhat more luxurious Ayelet Hashahar, charges about $4.50 more per person daily.

Why have so many kibbutzim gone into the tourist business? For one thing, diversification to offset the possibility of a bad year in agricultural productivity. Secondly, the operation of guest houses becomes a viable occupation for members who are unable to do arduous work in the fields. Thirdly, kibbutz leaders feel that hosting tourists is an excellent way of demonstrating their way of life to visitors from other countries.

Mexico improves roads

MEXICO CITY — Over the past few years the Mexican government has invested considerable sums of money in the improvement of its highway system. Mexico now has close to 50,000 miles of first-class paved roads, compared to Ontario's 28,000 miles. This system permits easy access to any major city in the country.

From Mexico City alone, four highways (toll) will take you in no time at all to Veracruz, Acapulco, Guadalajara or to the pyramids of Teotihuacan. Even the most out of the way corners of the country are now readily accessible via excellent highways.

More than $80 million have been invested in the construction of Federal Highway 1 that runs the length of the Baja Peninsula, from the American border to the town of Cabo San Lucas at the tip of the peninsula, unfolding more than 1,000 miles of unforgettable scenery along the way.

The 267 miles of road between Mexico and Acapulco go through the major tourist centres of Taxco and Cuernavaca. Highway 200 runs along the Pacific coast on either side of Acapulco in beautiful natural surroundings between the sea and the mountains.

The Mexico/Puebla highway offers a spectacular view of the white-capped peaks of Mounts Popocateptl and Ixtacchuatl, and as it leaves Mexico City, the Independence Highway to the northwest passes through the numerous colonial towns.

Car insurance is mandatory in Mexico and since Canadian insurance is not valid there, it's a good idea to purchase temporary insurance before you cross the border into the country. Mexican car insurance is available from insurance brokers in the U.S. and Canada or at the border towns befor entering Mexico.

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Mellow approach by flautist Bick is inappropriate

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Mellowness may very well set the basic mood for certain kinds of impressionistic chamber music. But it cannot apply to either the more classical or early-20th century chamber works, where a more spirited approach is required.

This is the reason why the Galliard Ensemble (Robert Bick, flute, Douglas Perry, viola and Paul Pulford, cello) only partly succeeded in their recent St. Lawrence Town Hall concert.

Their only truly inspirational selection was Albert Roussel's **Trio in F**, because it is almost tailor-made for the ensemble's style of introspective mellowness. There are no dominant themes here; everything is implied, with subtle coloration.

And here is where the passive flute of Robert Bick, devoid of any sharpness whatsoever, sounded most suitable; setting the perfect mood of delicacy as cellist Paul Pulford, the most robust member of the group, was allowed to freely dominate.

But in the classical selections — two minor works by Beethoven and Tommaso Giordani's **Trio in G Major** — this mellow approach was inappropriate.

What was most needed in all three works was a definitive yet fluid dominant flute which could set the spirit to provide the lilt, grace, and vibrancy unique to the classical era.

Bick's passivity failed to serve this prime purpose. Pulford and Perry, rudderless as a result, also held back, as if consciously trying not to overpower Bick. Thus, constrained boredom resulted.

The same problems were even more apparent in their rendition of Heitor Villa-Lobos' **Poem for Child and its Mother**. Despite the light touch of soprano Rosemarie Landry, the instrumental interpretation lacked a youthful sense of wonder. It was all too gray.

The main focus of the program, the world premiere of Micheline Coulombe Saint-Marcoux' **Moments** (commissioned by the ensemble) was, despite a fairly interesting text and a lucidly dramatic interpretation by Ms. Landry, musically just another run-of-the-mill compendium of standard avant-garde cliches. (Here again were the usual fragmented string quips, high, brief flute riffs, and, alas, vocal hisses and sirens.)

It was all so studied, derivative, and totally devoid of creative innovation.

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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Phillip Benkiel**, dearly beloved son of Mrs. Toby Ferber, will take place on Sunday, May 28, 1978, 2 p.m. at Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park, Warshaver-Lodzer section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 26

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Alexander Nepom** will take place on Sunday, May 28, 1978, 11:30 a.m. at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 26

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Helene Stoppel** will take place on Sunday, May 28, 1978, 11:30 a.m. at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Kielcer Society section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 26

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Roy [Rachmil] Segal**, husband of Sala, brother of Bina, will take place on Sunday, June 4, 1978, 10:30 a.m. at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Stashover section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 26

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Louis Torem**, loving husband of Molly, devoted father of Harry of Jerusalem, Dr. Martin of California, and Mrs. Gloria Goodis and loving grandfather of 9, will take place on Sunday, May 28, 1978, 10:30 a.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Park, Independent Friendly Workers section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 26

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'AMBASSADORS' MEET

Judith Beilin, Israeli consul, New York, chats with Toronto Bond leaders Bert Wells [left] and H. Wayne Tanenbaum. They're co-chairmen of ambassador's society of trustees. Mrs. Beilin spoke here.

No instant breakthrough expected on school issue

By RUTH KAHANE

OTTAWA — The case for public support of independent schools has made progress in Ontario this year, though no immediate legislative breakthrough is expected, says the executive director of the Ontario Association of Alternative and Independent Schools.

K. Lyle McBurney told an open meeting of the Ottawa Association for Education Alternatives at Hillel Academy he has seen "a major shift in public opinion in Ontario" towards favoring the right of parents to choose the school where their taxes should be assigned.

But there remain major blocks of resistance based on prejudice and ignorance. McBurney said he saw this clearly at the recent Canadian Teachers' Federation Conference in Ottawa.

"There is a great deal of resistance. People are trying to undermine the new B.C. Independent Schools Act."

The association stands behind the right to educational choice, backed up by financial support.

Ontario has been particularly slow-moving, he said. Alberta, Saskachewan, Manitoba, British Columbia, and Quebec all provide support in various forms.

The association has taken its case, during the first year of McBurney's office, to the educational caucuses of the two federal opposition parties, and expects to meet with the Liberal party caucus soon.

It has been before major Ontario newspaper editorial boards "with some success", and during the recent Education Week many communities mounted public displays, media campaigns, and opened their schools for the first time.

"The political parties will wait until the public tells them...If we develop enough friends among the caucuses and if people show they feel the same way, it might be sooner than five years," before the case is won.

He said two surveys done recently by a federal cabinet member and a Conservative MP, of people in favor of assigning taxes to the school of their choice, showed 55-40 against in one case, and 55-33 in favor in the other.

In Ontario, it still amounts to "heresy" to challenge the idea that the public school is a vehicle of democratization, bringing people together in consensus. "If you take this away it seems to be a re-bike against other citizens," he said.

The social matrix has changed from being predominantly English-French, Protestant-Catholic, yet the school system has not changed since it was set up, he said.

"Why do we have a monolithic system in Ontario if we believe in a cultural mosaic?

"Is there a place in Ontario for alternative points of view? If you don't recognize this education-ally, you're on the way to saying no."

McBurney said while the number of independent schools and their enrolment is rapidly increasing, public schools are facing declining enrolment.

There are 355 independent schools in Ontario serving 58,679 students, up from about 270 schools and 43,000 students five years ago. Of these, 98 schools, including Jewish day schools, belong to the association — up from 23 members in 1974.

A key factor in declining public school enrolment has been that the attempt to operate on the basis of consensus "is beginning to fall apart," McBurney said.

One predominant misconception is that if provincial funding is permitted for independent schools, Ontario education will be balkanized by encouraging every little splinter group to set up schools.

McBurney said this really implies a lack of confidence in public schools, by suggesting only legal compulsion keeps the Ontario system together. The majority of people are satisfied with government - sponsored education. In the five provinces where independent schools are included in tax-dollar sharing, there has been no general exodus from the public school system.

McBurney said the case still has to be fought that religion and the schools is a different question than the separation of church and state. He criticized a recent Globe and Mail editorial which failed to make the distinction.

Israel will not tire of seeking peace, Menachem Begin tells Bond leaders

NEW YORK — Israel will not tire in its search for peace, Israel's prime minister told 500 Israel Bond leaders from Canada and the U.S. at a luncheon held recently in New York. The gathering was part of the nation-wide observance marking the 30th anniversary of Israel.

Menachem Begin received standing ovations from the audience at several points during a hard-hitting speech. But delegates reported that Begin looked tired after five gruelling days in the U.S.

He pledged he "would not make any concessions that will jeopardize a single child anywhere in Israel. Our search for peace must include provisions for our security and enable us to live with the dignity natural to every human being."

In a special message to the Israel Bond leaders prior to his arrival in the U.S., the premier declared that "while there have been problems, we shall continue to seek peace and the economic security for which we yearn. We believe that by standing together, we shall yet win the day of peace. And we are confident you will stand with us. We need your help now, more than ever."

Leaders from Canada included Rubin Zimmerman, chairman of the national executive, Montreal, Kurt Rothschild, general campaign chairman, and Sheilah Silverberg, chairman, women's division, both of Toronto, State of Israel Bonds.

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